



TRAILBLAZER BASEBALL



JON ADAMS HEAD BASEBALL COACH



Jon begins his second season as Vincennes University baseball head coach. The 2006-07 Trailblazers finished 18-23 against one of the toughest schedules in VU history.

Adams took the Trailblazer job in the summer of 2006 after serving as an assistant under Doug Schreiber at Purdue. While at Purdue, the Boilermakers posted a 31-27 overall record, finished fifth in the standings and were responsible for the first loss of the season to eventual College World Series runner-up North Carolina, who were ranked number three in the nation at the time. Adams is a 1998 Vincennes University graduate who also held assistant coaching positions at NCAA Division II Oakland City University and NJCAA Division I Wabash Valley College.

Adams began his coaching career in 1998 as an assistant for the Princeton Post 25 American Legion team under Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame coach Tim Nonte. Since he began his coaching career, 22 former players under Adams have been drafted or have signed professional contracts. The most notable is Ross Wolf (Wabash Valley 2001) who recently made his Major League pitching debut with the Florida Marlins. Adams also coached Eric Campbell at Princeton Post 25 and the Indiana Yankees. Campbell, who is currently in Single A with the Atlanta Braves, was the Braves first pick of the 2004 first-year player draft and was named the Braves ninth best prospect during the 2005 season.

Adams graduated from Gibson Southern High School in 1997 and was an All-State pitcher for the Titans during his senior season. He also holds the distinction of throwing the lone perfect game in the 60-plus year history of Princeton Post 25.

Adams is a contributing writer to the Online Pitching Magazine *Inside Pitching* (www.insidepitching.com). He was also selected as a member of Inside Pitching's voter committee that chooses the top NCAA Division I pitching performance of each week.

Adams, 29, is a native of Ft. Branch, Ind., who holds both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Oakland City University. He resides in Ft. Branch with his wife Terri, and daughter, Bralynne.

Outstanding First-Year Recruiting Class

In just his second season at the helm of the Trailblazers, head coach Jon Adams has put together one of the most impressive first year recruiting classes in the country.

Included in the 2008 class were six North/South All-Stars, seven Indiana All-State nominees, six Mr. Baseball candidates and a 30th round MLB draft pick.

The six North/South players and the seven All-State nominees were more than any other 2008 collegiate recruiting class in the state of Indiana at ANY level.

WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY:

Division I coaches weigh in on the hiring of Jon Adams on August 1, 2006

"I have known Jon for 4 plus years and I believe he will do a great job in his first head coaching position at Vincennes. From my experiences, a college head baseball coach at any level, most certainly must know the game and be able to teach it, but it is also imperative that he be able to wear many hats in order to be successful. There is no doubt that Jon will succeed at all of these. I think he has prepared himself for this challenge through his past experiences as an assistant and the results will be very positive." **Gary McClure, Head Baseball Coach Austin Peay State University (Ohio Valley Conference)**

"Coach Adams is already off to a quick start in building the Vincennes University baseball program into one of the Midwest top two year schools. Already with a great campus, Vincennes will quickly become the two year school of choice for quality players throughout Indiana. Vincennes will become a great place for players to prepare and move onto quality four year opportunities." **Rob Smith, Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator Creighton University (Missouri Valley Conference)**





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**TED THOMPSON
ASSISTANT COACH/
RECRUITING COORDINATOR**



Ted Thompson will begin his second season as a member of Adams' staff. He will be responsible for catchers and outfielders as well as serving as the team's Recruiting Coordinator. Thompson who is a 1993 VU graduate, managed Vincennes Post 73 American Legion Team prior to his current position. He compiled a 61-44 record while bringing the post their first two sectional championships in the history of the program. The former VU and Florida Tech catcher resides in Vincennes with his wife Shelly and four children, Andy, Chelsea, Megan and Payton.

Head Coach Jon Adams on Thompson: "I am very excited to have Ted back again this year. His enthusiasm and love for the game are second to none and his loyalty speaks for itself. He is a tireless worker and recruiter who truly loves being a part of Vincennes University."



**SCOTT STEINBRECHER
ASSISTANT COACH/
PITCHING COACH**



Scott Steinbrecher is the newest addition to the Trailblazer staff, joining the program in the summer of 2007. A graduate of Austin Peay State University with both Bachelor's and Master's Degrees, the 25 year old was a relief pitcher and vital component to the Governor's back-to-back OVC Champs in 2003-2004. He will serve as the team's pitching coach in addition to assisting with all day to day operations of the program. Steinbrecher, who is a native of Nashville, TN resides in Vincennes.

Head Coach Jon Adams on Steinbrecher: "I'm very excited Scott has decided to join our staff. We had a long list of applicants for his position but he rose to the top. He is an energetic young coach that I feel will be a great addition to our staff. He has been a member of championship caliber teams at every level he has been at and he knows what it takes to reach that level."



**RYAN JONES
STUDENT ASSISTANT COACH**

Ryan Jones joins the staff for the 2008 campaign as a Student Assistant. He comes to VU from Gibson Southern High School in Ft. Branch, IN where he was a pitcher for the Titans. Jones primary responsibilities will include assisting with the pitching staff and serving as the team's bullpen coach on game days. He is an Economics major and is the son of Eric and Marlene Jones.

Head Coach Jon Adams on Jones: "It's not very often that you run across someone Ryan's age with the passion, love and knowledge of the game that he has. More importantly than that, he is a great young man. I have known him my entire life and consider it a privilege that he is a part of our staff."

