

# 2007-2008 NJCAA Men's Bowling National Championship

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## Blazer Bowlers tops in nation

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2008 Men's Bowling Champions Vincennes University



Men's Herm Kelmer Award Winner Brett Shepherd (left)

### VU wins 15th NJCAA title.....

Buffalo, NY, Mar. 8 – The Vincennes University men's bowling team captured its 15th NJCAA Championship Saturday in Buffalo, NY.

Not only did the VU keglers win again, they did it in record fashion with an 840 pin advantage over second place Mohawk Valley, NY, Community College in the 14-team tournament held simultaneously at AMF Thruway Lanes & AMF Lancaster Lanes.

"Obviously, we are very thrilled with the results," Vincennes Hall of Fame coach Gary Sparks said. "The team bowled

excellent overall, getting past some initial nervousness in the beginning of the doubles and letting themselves just use their talent and abilities to bowl like they are capable."

Vincennes had secured the title going into the last segment of the tournament and could have sat out the Baker events and still won by 300 pins.

Freshman Brett Shepherd (Louisville, Ken.) was the all-events champion and earned the top spot on the all-American team with teammates, freshman Mikey Hill (Kenosha, Wis.) and sophomore Russ Mathes (Indianapolis, Ind.).

Shepherd and his doubles partner, sophomore Allen Breshears (Terre Haute,

Ind.) finished second in the national doubles event while Mathes and sophomore Adam Voth (Danville, Ken.) were third, earning silver and bronze medals, respectively.

"One of the new experiences they had to learn to deal with was being the favorite and being expected to win, then still go out and perform," said Sparks who was named NJCAA Coach of the Year.

"I think they handled it quite well overall, after getting into the bowling and settling down to just do the job that we went there to do. One of our goals for the tournament was to win by a new record amount."

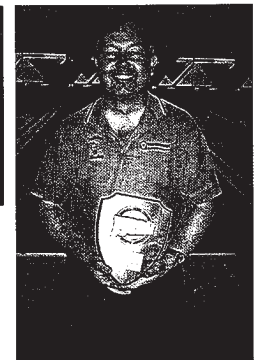
Overall Team Final Standings								
Place	College	Double & Singles	5-Man Total	Baker			Overall Total	Games
				1	2	3		
1	Vincennes University	6048	6133	583	465	549	13,778	21
2	Mohawk Valley Community College	5593	5741	446	550	608	12,938	21
3	Erie Community College	5513	5692	555	631	507	12,898	21
4	Hudson Valley Community College	5657	5530	526	536	570	12,819	21
5	Adirondack Community College	5213	5273	584	527	541	12,138	21
6	Herkimer County Community College	4885	5176	437	565	555	11,618	21
7	Schoolcraft College	5006	5229	455	504	404	11,598	21
8	Rockland Community College	5180	4852	481	530	456	11,499	21
9	Westchester Community College	5030	4614	542	539	434	11,159	21
10	Wayne County Community College	4727	4596	455	409	437	10,624	21
11	CCAC Boyce	4901	4606	0	0	0	9,507	12
12	Westmoreland County Community College	3812	4134	0	0	0	7,946	10
13	CCAC South	2890	2809	0	0	0	5,699	9
14	CCAC North	2579	2667	0	0	0	5,246	9

All-Events (Top 10)									
Rank	Name	College	Doubles	Sin-gles	5-Man		Total	Games	Ave
					1-3	4-6			
1	Brett Shepard	Vincennes	699	661	670	656	2686	12	223.8
2	Brett Cunningham	Mohawk Valley	519	685	658	695	2557	12	213.1
3	Russ Mathes	Vincennes	652	588	622	594	2456	12	204.7
4	Ryan Paulson	Hudson Valley	692	576	519	630	2417	12	201.4
5	Mikey Hill	Vincennes	584	587	590	624	2385	12	198.8
6	Nick Atkinson	Vincennes	606	584	576	602	2368	12	197.3
7	Ryan Gahan	Mohawk Valley	530	586	623	602	2341	12	195.1
8	Dan Rowe	Hudson Valley	551	586	521	667	2325	12	193.8
9	Craig Newham	CCAC South	568	576	589	566	2309	12	192.4
10	Mike Piraino	Mohawk Valley	561	605	588	554	2308	12	192.3

Doubles							
Rank	Name	College	Gm1	Gm2	Gm3	Total	Total
1	Ryan Paulson	Hudson Valley	268	234	190	692	1243
	Dan Rowe		200	191	56	551	
2	Brett Shepard	Vincennes	222	257	220	699	1233
	Allen Breshears		145	157	232	534	
3	Russ Mathes	Vincennes	198	244	210	652	1209
	Adam Voth		194	187	176	557	

Singles						
Rank	Name	College	Gm1	Gm2	Gm3	Total
1	Brett Cunningham	Mohawk Valley	205	267	213	685
2	Brett Shepard	Vincennes	180	238	243	661
3	David McClure	Hudson Valley	245	210	193	648

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