

Polsgrove Named Avery Mens' Basketball Coach

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Scott Polsgrove has been named the new men's basketball coach at Avery High. He replaces Bo Manis, who resigned after four years as coach of the Vikings. Polsgrove was the head men's basketball coach at Lees-McRae College the last six years. He

was approved last week by the Avery County Board of Education.

Polsgrove led the Bobcats to the school's best record as a member of Conference Carolinas with an 8-8 mark in league play. He also led the Bobcats to their second berth in the conference tournament. Prior to his time in Banner Elk, Polsgrove was the head coach at King College in Bristol, Tenn., for 14 years. He was also the school's athletics director during his tenure at King.

Polsgrove led King to consecutive Tennessee-Virginia Athletic Conference championships, and he was also earned Coach of the Year honors in 1996-97 and 1997-98. King earned two conference tournament championship game appearances, winning the TVAC title in 1997-98, and earning a trip to the NAIA National Tournament.

He led King to a second-place finish in the Appalachian Conference in 2003-04, and its second NAIA Tournament appearance. Polsgrove played at Taylor University in Indiana, Polsgrove was part of three district championship teams and helped guide his teams to three NAIA National Tournaments while earning a bachelor's degree in business in 1987. Polsgrove inherits an Avery team that has made only one state playoff appearance since the 2006-07 season, and was a woeful 4-20.