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Avery High boys' basketball coach Scott Polsgrove (39-20 with the Vikings) has taken the Vikings where they've never been before.

The Vikings (26-4) moved into the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Class 1A Western Regional championship game Wednesday night by knocking off Alleghany 40-39 at Flemming Gymnasium at UNC-Greensboro.

The Vikings led 21-1 after the opening quarter. They will play the No.2 seed Winston-Salem Prep (24-4) in Saturday's championship game. Winston-Salem Prep defeated Albamarle, the No.1 seed, 82-56 in Wednesday's second semifinal game.

The Vikings, who got off to a jackrabbit start, had a tortoise finish. They 30-11 at halftime and seemed well on their way to the regional finals. But Alleghany clamped down defensively in the second half and held Avery to a meager ten points.

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And the numbers don't lie. The Vikings, who shot 57% from the floor in the first half, only made 17% (4-23) of their shots in the second half.

Despite those struggles, the Vikings by Ty Polsgrove with 13 points; James Stewart finished with nine points; Jacob Waldroop had six points and six rebounds.

Avery also did a good job protecting the basketball. The Vikings only committed eight turnovers.

Fabian Santos and Austin Sprinkle paced Alleghany (22-7) with 13 points and six rebounds apiece. The Trojans were just the opposite in Wednesday night's match up.

The Trojans only hit 17% of their shots in the first half, but they were 10-20 from the floor in the second half (50%).