

Green to lead North Paulding girls

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North Paulding High School's new girls basketball coach, Scott Green, stands in the school's gym.

After four years as a boys' assistant at North Paulding, Scott Green is taking on a new task.

The veteran coach will don a head coach's whistle next season as the new leader of the Lady Wolfpack basketball program.

"I have always had an affinity for girls' basketball and I am excited to get out there and see what we can do," said Green, who has 14 years of basketball coaching experience but will be on a varsity girls' bench for the first time since he was an assistant at Cedar Shoals in the late 1990s.

"That team at Cedar Shoals really knew how to play and that's what I expect here. As a coach I don't see a lot of differences in the boys and girls games, so I expect our girls to play the same way our boys have."

Green's job at North Paulding will be to continue the work of previous head coach Monte Major.

Major, who is moving to Thailand to teach and coach at the International School Bangkok, led his team to a school best 8-18 record in 2011-2012, a modest record on the surface but a far cry from where they started — winning just two games in their first three years of varsity basketball.

To keep the ball rolling in the right direction, Green already has hit the ground running with individual workouts and plans to keep the girls very active this summer with a jam-packed schedule.

"The biggest thing I want to push is commitment. We don't want to stand pat on where we are and what they did last year, as a team we're going to work our butts off and start to build on that."

The active summer includes an 18-game schedule and an overnight camp at Brenau College in Gainesville. He said the game experience will be vital as he plans to implement scheme changes this summer on both offense and defense — moving to a read-and-react offense and a man-to-man attack on defense.

"It will take time to learn but it's something I really believe in. I think our plan for now is good and we're going to see what this team is capable of this summer."

