

Berry named coach of Abbotsford juniors

Veteran hockey coach Don Berry has returned to Abbotsford as coach of the Falcons, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

Berry, 56, coached Abbotsford Flyers when they made it to the Centennial Cup final in 1983. Earlier this season he was named coach of Seattle Thunderbirds of the Western Hockey League, but the deal fell through.

Berry will have his work cut out for him with the Falcons. They have lost 25 of 28 games this season and are in last

place in the league's Coastal Division.

Berry replaces Murray Lawrence, who was coach, general manager, and part-owner of the team. BCJHL Governors approved the sale of the Falcons at a recent meeting in Princeton.

Lawrence was formerly coach of Vernon Lakers (1982) and Revelstoke Rangers.

Lakers' General Manager Vern Dye said he is pleased to see someone with Berry's experience taking over the Falcons. "I'm sure he (Berry) will be able to help Abbotsford," Dye said.

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A \$6,000 debt and lack of fan support may force Merritt Centennials to drop out of the BCJHL. A game between Vernon and Merritt last night was cancelled because, according to Merritt president Gordeon Biccum, the team couldn't find a bus driver to make the trek to Vernon. Owners of the club will meet this week to decide the fate of the club which is currently in fourth place in the Interior Division of the league.

DEC., 1980

Tony Wolcott scored 37 points to lead Trophy Gallery to an 89-74 triumph over Coldstream Hotel in Carling O'Keefe Basketball League action at Priest Valley gym this week. Trophy Gallery led 38-32 at the half but fell behind five times in the second half before strongly rallying for the win. Bill Haworth collected 15 points for the winners who also got a 14-point effort from Dennis Roberts. Carl Scleiler led Coldstream with 22 points.