



THE OTTER VALLEY senior boys above are, from left, Parker Todd, Alex Polli, Lane Eddy, Cole Letourneau, Dylan Gaboriault, Luke Sheldrick, and Alex Philo.

ON THE RIGHT the Otter Valley senior girls who were honored are, from left, Mia Politano, Bonnie Moore, and Mallory Lufkin.

Photos provided

OV honors its senior basketball players

BRANDON — Senior athletes on the boys and girls Otter Valley basketball teams were honored on their special “Senior Nights” at games on March 10.

It looked a bit different than past years. No loud crowd of friends and family members cheering it up in the House of Noise. In this pandemic year, it was a relatively empty gym and face masks for the players, but that did not dampen the mood or the moment.

On the Otter Valley boys team, there are seven seniors: Cole Letourneau, Lane Eddy, Dylan Gaboriault, Luke Sheldrick, Alex Polli, Alex Philo, and Parker Todd.

Head Coach Michael Stark wrote a short introduction for each of his seniors, highlighting their strengths.

“Cole is a natural leader, and the team looks to him for guidance. His leadership abilities have led him to be named team captain. Cole has the ability to stay focused and grounded throughout game, practices, and film, even when times are hard...”

“When Lane was on JV, he was a shy and timid player. He progressed (and grew) throughout the years, which led him to be a more vocal and aggressive player. Lane is a player who consistently looks to pass first and shoot second...”

“Dylan may not be as vocal as some on the court, but his

presence is always felt. He has a passion and understanding of the game that is not like many other...”

“Luke’s positive energy and personality is a joy to be around. He is a hard worker and brings positive energy to the entire team.”

“This is Alex’s first year playing basketball. I only wish he started playing earlier... It says a lot about his character when he is willing to try something with limited experience. He had really stepped up and helped the team.”

“Alex (Philo) has stepped up as a leader on and off the court. His positive attitude and passion for the game has led him to be named team captain by his teammates.”

“Parker is a passionate and hard worker. He is an athletic, fast, strong player. His athletic abilities have placed him above others.”

On Senior Night for the girls, there were three seniors being recognized, Bonnie Moore, Mallory Lufkin, and Mia Politano. Head Coach Kelly Trayah has this to say about each of his seniors:

“Bonnie is the definition of kindness. She treats everyone with respect and wants to leave a positive atmosphere wherever she goes. I have said for four years now that she has the potential to be a future coach...”

“Mallory has been a four-year

varsity starter. She has earned that by her defensive intensity and determination to be the best shooter on the floor.”

“Don’t let Mia’s quiet demeanor lead you to think that she puts anything less than 100% effort into everything she does!”



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