



# Dublin Raiders



# NEWSLETTER

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## Last Week in Raiders!

The Raiders **D5 Men** took another step closer to their goal of promotion and securing a Top 4 place, when they got a walkover from Ongar who were unable to field a team. Their final game of the season is on Wednesday 27th March when they face bottom of the table St. Marks. A win will hopefully be enough to claim both a place in the Top 4s and promotion for next season. Best of luck to all the team & Coach Andrew.



Our mighty **U11 Girls** travelled to Kilcock over the weekend for their game where they played some great basketball, winning 2 - 17. Coaches John & Sandra are so proud of all the girls and their effort in both training and matches and are delighted to see how much they have improved since the beginning of the season. Well done girls, keep up the great work!

It was a weekend of mixed results for our **U13 Girls**. On Saturday, they hosted top of the league Tolka Rovers, who haven't lost a game all season, in a nail biting game. Raiders fought hard and came so close to stopping Tolka's winning streak but just fell short losing by 1 point. However, they dusted themselves down and played Swords on Sunday where they clinched a great win 28 - 67. Well done girls, this demonstrates your commitment to your team and each other. Keep it up!



On Monday, Raiders started the week off in great style, with confirmation that two of their teams were League winners in their respective leagues. Our **Ladies Masters Team** travelled to Dublin Lions for their last game of the season, hoping to clinch the Masters League outright with four wins from four. Not only did they achieve this but they did so in style, winning 13 - 56. Well done to all the team and to Coach Jenny on a great season!

Also on Monday evening, **Raiders D4 Ladies** had their last game of the season and were hoping to finish with a win. Having lost their last game, the girls wanted to make amends and they really did step up with a great win against Ongar Chasers winning 55 - 30, resulting in them being crown D4 League winners. The team had a great season with 14 wins and 2 losses. Congratulations to all the team and to Coach Ed.



April is going to be a very busy time for Raiders with our D1 Men & Ladies Teams playing in the BIDL finals and our teams who have qualified for both the DMBB & DLBB Top 4s. The BIDL finals take place the weekend 12th April while the DMBB Top 4s take place between 8th - 24th April. The DLBB Top 4s take place the weekend of 26th - 29th April. Please keep an eye on our social media pages for regular updates on all matches. We hope to see a sea of blue Raiders supporters at all the games! Let's Go Raiders!

*Wishing you all a very Happy Easter*



## Match Results w/c 20th March 2024

Team	Home	Away	Score
U17(2) Boys	Sonics	Raiders	68 - 33
U16 Boys	Sonics	Raiders	71 - 46
D5 Men	Raiders	Ongar	Walkover
U18 Girls	KUBS	Raiders	26 - 36
U17(2) Boys	St. Vincents	Raiders	70 - 43
U13 Boys	Raiders	Oblates	74 - 32
U14 Girls	Ongar	Raiders	35 - 32
U13 Girls	Raiders	Tolka	42 - 43
U16 Girls	Bray Bullets	Raiders	Re-scheduled
U13 Girls	Swords	Raiders	28 - 67
D4 Ladies	Raiders	Ongar	55 - 30
U11 Girls	Kilcock	Raiders	2 - 17
U11 Boys	Raiders	Ongar	54 - 15
Masters	Lions	Raiders	13 - 56
U18(1) Boys	Lions	Raiders	79 - 64

## Billy Kelly Tournament 2024



Everyone in Raiders wishes our **U17 Boys and Coaches Ed & Andrew** the very best of luck as they take part in the annual Billy Kelly U17 Boys Tournament in Cork this weekend.

The boys are in Pool E where they face Ballina Braves, Neptune and Clare in their bid to secure a place in the play offs.

Keep an eye on our social media for updates on how they are getting on over the weekend.

## U12s 3v3 Tournament



Well done to Raiders U12 players **Jalma Vitola, Ruth Howard, Sorcha Vandamme & Lara Lowry** who took part in a fiba 3v3 competition in St. Columbas last weekend.

The girls did great in their first 3v3 competition, finishing 2nd in their pool group, securing a place in the semi finals. Unfortunately they lost this game, ultimately finishing in 4th place overall. The team are now training hard, getting ready for the next tournament on April 28th. Well done girls, we are all so proud of you, keep up the great work. Go Raiders!

## Dublin Lions U11 Boys Tournament

Our **U11 Boys** were delighted to received an invite from Dublin Lions to take part in their U11 Boys non competitive Tournament on Saturday. Feedback from the organisers stated that the team played great basketball, showed great sportsmanship and were brilliant ambassadors for Dublin Raiders. A big thank you for Coach Nicolas for bringing the team. Go Raiders!



# Matches w/c 27th March 2024



Date	Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue	Team
27/03/2024	20:45	St. Marks	Raiders	St. Marks Tallght	D5 Men
02/03/2024	20:45	Raiders	DCU Mercy	St. Laurence's	D1 Ladies

## BIDL Semi Finals Results



On Saturday evening, our **D1 Ladies** hosted Cork based Brunell in the semi final of the BIDL plate in front of a packed St. Laurence's gym

The team started off the game displaying both their skills and determination to win. At half time the team led 35 - 21 and were comfortably managing any pressure from Brunell.

It was in the fourth quarter that Raiders showed their dominance & confirmed their spot in the BIDL final by scoring an impressive 29 points to Brunell's 11 points.. Standout performers for Raiders included **Mia McEntee** who scored 26 points, **Taylor Gaffney** whose tally was 22 points and **Ella Brodrick** adding 10 points to Raiders total, with the final score being 84 - 51. The team next face local rivals Meteors in the Final which takes places the weekend of the 12th April.

On Sunday our **D1 Men** made the trip down the M8 to Tipperary where the faced Tipp Talons in their semi-final of the BIDL plate

Raiders dominated the first quarter with some sharpshooting by **Jeff McCann** securing a 7 - 22 lead. However, in Q2 Talons fought back with the half time score of 34 - 36.



The third quarter was a closely contested battle with both teams taking the lead a different times, but Raiders ultimately led going into the fourth quarter 53 - 56. Talons took the lead early into the fourth quarter but Raiders swiftly reclaimed it with some great play by Andy Bartley. In the end, Raiders emerged victors winning 62 -71. Standout performers for Raiders included **Andy Bartley** 20 points, **Jeff McCann** 17 points and **Shane Davidson** 12 points.

The team have to wait until the 30th March to find out if they are playing either Mayo Meteors or Fr. Mathews in the Final. This final will also take place on the weekend of the 12th April.

All in all a very successful weekend for our Senior Men & Ladies teams and a big thank you to all the Raiders supporters who came along to cheer the teams on. Lets go Raiders!

## Easter Raffle Winners

The winners of our Easter Raffle are:

2 night B&B Leonardo Hotel  
**Tess Meany (Academy)**

Easter Hamper  
**Ella Brodrick (U17 Girls)**

Summer Camp Place  
**Carlota Vilaplana (U13 Girls).**



## Raiders Senior Awards Dinner Dance

Ticket to our **Senior Awards Dinner Dance** are selling fast! Don't forget to pick yours up before it's too late!!

Tickets cost €45 which includes dinner and disco and can be purchased either via **easypaymentsplus** or **directly from your Team Coach / Manager.**

Parents, partners and spouses are more than welcome to come along and join in the celebrations! It's going to be a great night!

