



Dublin Raiders



NEWSLETTER

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Last Week in Raiders!

As the season draws to a close, there were only a handful of matches over the Easter break. First up were our **D5 Men** who continued their winning ways, this time away to St. Marks where they clocked up their last win of the season, 42 - 51. They finish the season with 15 wins and 3 losses securing a place in the DMBB Top 4's.



Our **D1 Ladies** also played their last game of the season when they took on DCU Mercy at home. The team comfortably won 75 -45 finishing in 3rd place in their league with 10 wins and 6 loses. Big shout out to **Taylor Gaffney** who scored an impressive 34 points, followed by **Rachel Mahon** whose total was 11 points. The team have secured their place in the DLBB Top 4 where they will play Killester in their semi-final game at the end of April.

Congratulations to our **D5 Ladies** who finished their season off in style with a great away win to Lusk Ravens 24 - 42 which resulted in them being crowned D5 League winners. This is on top of already winning the DLBB Junior Cup and securing a semifinal place in the DLBB Top 4 Semi Final. The team had a great season under coach Teresa O'Sullivan where they notched up 17 wins from 18 Games. Well done to everyone on a really great season.



Teresa was on a roll with her teams this week, this time with her fabulous **U13 Girls**. The girls had two home games left in their season, needing two wins to claim runners up spot in U13 (2) league and they really did step up to the challenge. On Saturday they played Kilcock Tigers winning 52 - 30, while on Sunday they faced Swords where they comfortably won 61 - 24, securing their runners up position in the league. Well done girls, we're all so proud of you.

Our **U11 Girls** were back in action on Sunday, when they played Liffey Celtics at home. The girls put in a stellar performance winning 26-5 with the entire squad contributing to the victory. Coach John was very proud saying that the girls played some great basketball throughout the game. Keep up the great work!



There was massive disappointment for our **U17 Girls** who lost their remaining league games. On Saturday they played 2nd place Oblates in a thrilling game, just falling short in the end. On Sunday they played Tolka away in a very physical game, where at the end of Q1 they were down 18 points. The girls dug deep to bring the score to within 3, but team fouls came to haunt them in the last quarter losing by 6, the final score 59 - 53. Well done to all the girls, keep working hard and we look forward to next season.

Match Results from 27th March 2024

Team	Home	Away	Score
D5 Men	St. Marks	Raiders	42 - 51
D1 Ladies	Raiders	DCU Mercy	75 - 45
D5 Ladies	Lusk Ravens	Raiders	24 - 42
U17 Girls	Obaltes	Raiders	58 - 46
U17 Girls	Tolka Rovers	Raiders	59 - 53
U18 (2) Boys	Raiders	Templeogue	72 - 84
U13 Girls	Raiders	Swords	61 - 24
U13 Girls	Raiders	Kilcock Tigers	52 - 30
U11 Girls	Raiders	Liffey Celtics	26 - 5
U16 Boys	Liffey Celtics	Raiders	70 - 48
D6 (1) Men	Raiders	Rathmines	42 - 54
D5 Men	Raiders	Ballinteer Bulls	63 - 50

Billy Kelly Tournament 2024



Over the Easter weekend, our **U17 Boys** and Coaches Ed & Andrew travelled to Cork to take part in the annual Billy Kelly Tournament.

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

The boys started off really well with a good win against Ballina winning 37 - 39.

Next up, they faced tournament favourite Neptune where despite a valiant effort they lost 87-25. The lads needed to secure a win in their final pool game to guarantee a place in the play off. The final game was against Clare where the lads played some great basketball winning 31-39.

Having secured their place in the play offs, they were drawn against Dundalk Ravens, a physically big team. Unfortunately it was not to be for the Team, with some tiredness and lost opportunities getting the upper hand, resulting in the lads being knocked out of the Billy Kelly, final score 50-35

Well done to all the team and to the coaches A big shout out and well done to U16 Boys players **Adam Gray** and **Chester Medidas** who stepped up and played a big role in the Teams successes.

Last Chance to get Tickets for Basketball Ireland Club Draw

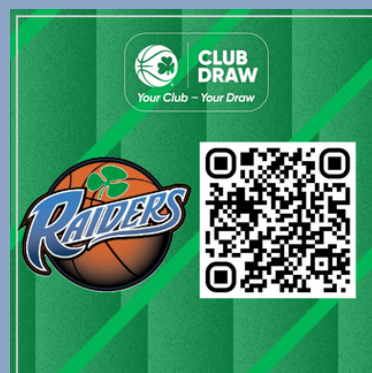
Did you know you can support **DUBLIN RAIDERS** for just €10 through the Basketball Ireland Club Draw?

This year's prizes include:

- Trip to Boston
- Trip to Disneyland Paris
- Trip to the Italian Grand Prix 2024

Go to ireland.basketball/clubdraw and search **DUBLIN RAIDERS** to get your tickets **NOW!**

75% of the money raised from the tickets sold will go directly to Dublin Raiders so please support this initiative.



BIDL Plate Finals

All roads lead to the National Basketball Arena for Raiders supporters this Friday, 12th April. We are delighted that both our **D1 Ladies & D1 Men** have made the finals of the BIDL Plate.



Having claimed their place in the final following an impressive win over Brunell, the ladies intend to maintain this winning streak on Friday.

A 6:00pm tip off against local rivals Meteors in a must see game will hopefully see our Ladies crowned champions.

Our D1 Men also face a Meteors team in their final, this time Mayo Meteors.

Tip off in this game is 8pm and it is guaranteed to be a thrilling and fast paced game with both teams being evenly matched scoring the same points in their semifinal games.



We are asking all Raiders members, from our Academies to all our teams members to make a big effort to come and support both teams in this double header event. Tickets are currently available from Basketball Ireland's website www.ireland.basketball/tickets

DMBB TOP 4s

Raiders had a very successful season with the following male teams making the semi-finals; **U14(1) Boys, U15 (2) Boys, U16 (2) Boys, U17(2) Boys, U17 (3) Boys, U20 Men, D6 Men & D5 Men**. All semifinal games for underage teams were played in the top seed home venue while the senior teams play in the NBA.

Two of our Senior Teams played their semifinals this week with our **D5 Men** booking their place in the finals following a comprehensive win against Ballinteer Bulls 63 - 50. They now face Barrow Rovers in the finals next Monday, tip off 7:15.

Unfortunately, our **D6 Men** bowed out of the Top 4s with a loss against Rathmines 42 - 54. Next up are our U20 Men who play Sonics in their Semifinal game on Thursday tip off: 7:15pm.

Another team through to the finals are our **U14(1) Boys** who received a walkover in their semifinal match against Tolka Rovers. Their final takes place Wednesday 24th April in NBA, tip off 7:10pm. However, they have to wait to see who they face when the other semi final has taken place.



DMBB U20 MEN
TOP 4 SEMI FINAL

RAIDERS VS DUBLIN SONICS

THURSDAY, 11TH APRIL 2024
TIP OFF: 7:15PM

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Raiders Senior Awards Dinner Dance

Tickets 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](https://www.easypaymentsplus.com) 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!

Hope to see you there!