



Dublin Raiders



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Last Week in Raiders!

DUBLIN RAIDERS CLAIM THE DOUBLE!

All roads led to the National Basketball Arena on Friday night when our DI Ladies and DI Men claimed great wins in their BIDL Plate Final matches.



First up were our Ladies who faced local rivals Meteors. Meteors Rachel Rice free throws got the scoring underway, before Mia McEntee and Ally McGrath exchanged threes to have Meteors 5-3 up 90 seconds in. The first quarter was neck and neck with Meteors marginally in front by the end of it, leading 20-17.

Meteors kept their lead early in the second quarter, before a pair of Gaffney free throws put Dublin Raiders in front and Raiders didn't relinquish this lead after that. Two converted McGrath free throws saw Meteors within a point 29-28 with a little over four minutes to go, before a five point run from Gaffney stretched Dublin Raiders advantage and they never really looked back after that. Raiders were 43-33 up by half-time with Gaffney scoring an impressive 20 points.



Dublin Raiders built on their lead in the third quarter, outscoring their opponents 27-12 with Ella Broderick scoring all of her points in this quarter, with three converted from the three point line. Dublin Raiders now had a healthy 70-45 lead going into the final quarter.



Meteors to their credit closed the deficit in the final quarter, but never looked like overhauling their opponents, Dublin Raiders' cushion meant they closed it out comfortably winning 78-64.



It was no surprise to all those who watched the game, that Raiders Taylor Gaffney was award MVP with an impressive tally of 28 points. Congratulations to all the players and Coach Ed on a wonderful achievement and one which we hope the team can build on for the semifinal DLBB match against Killester.





Next up were our DI Men who faced Mayo Meteors in their final which turned out to be a high quality, fast paced game. There was nothing between both sides throughout the first quarter, with the score 28 apiece at the end of it.

The second quarter followed a similar pattern, with Mayo Meteors taking an early lead of seven points, 46-39.



However, by the end of the quarter, Raiders had closed this gap to three, 50-47, thanks to Andy Bartley's jump shot with the last play of the half.

The third quarter started with Mayo stepping up and dictating the play, taking the lead 62-56 with three and a half minutes to go. Yet again, Dublin Raiders dug deep to bring it back level 62-62, with back-to-back threes by Goderdzi Patsia. Raiders kept their foot on the gas securing a six point lead 69-63, at the end of the quarter, helped by a Shane Davidson buzzer beating three.



Mayo Meteors didn't throw in the towel and turned it around early in the fourth quarter taking the lead 73 - 70. However, five points from Raiders Shane Byrne, had Dublin Raiders marginally ahead 78-76, with four and a half minutes to go. The final minutes of the game was tight with fans not knowing which way the result would go especially after Mayo brought it to within 2 points. Raiders kept up the pressure resulting in Mayo getting into team foul trouble which Raiders capitalised on, winning the match 83 - 78.



It was no doubt a tough decision for Basketball Ireland to choose the games MVP as a number of Raiders players stood out. However, it was sharp shooter Shane Davidson who picked up the prestigious award.

Dublin Raiders head coach, Sean Ingle, said: "The lads pulled it out down the stretch, Mayo were unbelievable in the first half, hitting shots left, right and centre, so we spoke about it at half-time and concentrated on the defensive end, it's been a problem for us all year, but we know we're capable of locking in and getting stops and really that's what got us the win in the end."

Asked what completing the BIDL Plate double meant to Dublin Raiders, Ingle added: "They have been building the underage system for quite a while, a lot of the guys and girls had to go off, they never had a senior team to play for, and a lot had to go off to other clubs to get that senior level experience, play Super League, they all came back. These lads have worked their way up from Division 5 of DMBB all the way to Division 1 and now to get some silverware at the end of the season, it just means so much to the club and the fans".



Match Results from 10th April 2024

Team	Home	Away	Score
U17 (3) Boys	St. Kevins	Raiders	49 - 41
U15 Boys	Swords	Raiders	73 - 65
U17 (2) Boys	St. Vincents	Raiders	56 - 40
U11 Girls	Meteors	Raiders	32 - 24
U12 Girls	Raiders	NEIC Trojans	27 - 9
U15 Girls	Raiders	Firhouse	59 - 52

DMBB D5 Top 4 Final



What a week for Raiders, first we won the BIDL plate, then on Monday night our D5 Men played in the finals of the DMBB D5 Top 4 against Barrow Rovers.

Raiders supporters didn't disappoint again, turning up in force to cheer on the team & Coach Andrew.

It was a fast and furious game from the start with both teams trading points at each end. The first quarter finished with Raiders ahead by 1 point.



The second quarter continued as the first quarter had finished, fast with some great basketball being played. At half time, Barrow took the lead by 3 points, 25 - 22. The third quarter was a big quarter for shooters on both sides, with lots of 3 pointers finding the net. By the end of the third, Raiders had reclaimed the lead 43 - 45.

Raiders needed a big fourth quarter to maintain this lead and with the help of Raiders supporters cheering on the lads they achieved this. Some great steels in key moments of the quarter and well timed fast breaks were key to Raiders scores. With 1:27 on the clock, Barrow had got into Team Fouls which Raiders capitalised on, the final score 58 - 63.

U11 Boys & Girls Get Surprise Visit by BIDL Captains & MVPs



There was great excitement when Alannah & Jeff, our D1 Ladies & Men's Captains, popped in to surprise our U11 Boys & Girls at their training sessions. To add to the thrill, MVPs Taylor & Shane also dropped in with their golden basketball award.

All the players got the chance to hold the awards and to ask questions about the game and playing basketball.



A big thank you also to D1 Men players Inart Vitols & Neill Curren for also stopping by.

Hopefully it won't be long before we see some of our U11s playing in National Finals too!

Raiders Summer Camp Open for Booking!



We are delighted to announce that our Summer Camp is now open for booking.

Our morning camp is for children aged 6 - 12 years old, and runs from 9am - 12 noon. Our Senior camp is for players born between 2006 - 2011 and is on from 1pm - 4pm.

This year our camp will be held in Colaiste Raithin, Dublin Road Bray.

Keep an eye out on our social media platforms for information on this years coaching staff!

DLBB Top 4 Semi Finals



Our Senior Ladies Teams have a busy weekend coming up, starting Friday 26th April when our Ladies Masters play Tridents in the arena, tip off 20:30pm. This is followed by a jam packed Saturday for Raiders, starting off bright and early with our D5 Ladies against Malahide at 10am. This is closely followed by our D4 Ladies who play Tridents in their semi final game at 11:30am. The last game of the day is at 4pm when our D1 Ladies face Killester in their semifinal clash.

A win, secures a place in the finals which will take place on Sunday 28th, keep an eye on our social media platforms for updates.

Senior Awards Night 11th May

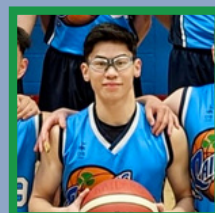


Don't forget to get your ticket for our Senior Awards Night. Tickets can be bought on line or via your team coach /manager. A great night guaranteed!

Any questions, please email:

Congratulations!

Raiders were delighted to hear that U17s player Calvin Medidas was selected for the DMBB U17 Dublin Team.



This was followed by the news that D1 player & Raiders Coach Inarts Vitols was selected for the Irish O40s Masters Team.



This is a wonderful achievement for you both and we all wish you the very best.

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Parents, partners and spouses are more than welcome to come and join in the celebrations too.