



Dublin Raiders



NEWSLETTER

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Raiders week started off in great style with our **U14 Boys** making the trip to the National Basketball Arena to take on Templeogue in the final of the DMBB U14 Top 4.

The boys had a great start to the game, dominating the first quarter with a 10 point lead. However, Templeogue fought back and produced a really strong second quarter scoring an impressive 19 points to Raiders 5 points, finishing the first half in the lead 23 - 19.

The team regrouped at half time and came out fighting, playing some great basketball and taking the lead once again early into the third quarter. They maintained this lead throughout Q3 and capitalised on it in the final quarter where the boys put in a very strong performance scoring 26 points to Templeogue's 10 points. The final score was Templeogue 43 - Raiders 59. Congratulations to all the boys and Coaches Eleanor and Shane on a great season.

It was a busy weekend for our senior ladies teams, all of whom made the semifinals / finals of the DLBB Top 4s.

First up were our **Ladies Masters** who travelled to the arena on Friday night to play Tridents in the final. Under the guidance of Coach Jenny, the team dominated the game from the very beginning, claiming the top prize with a score of 46 - 27. Big shout out to Raiders top scorers on the night, Ashley McInerny with 15 points and Teresa O'Sullivan with 10 points. Well done to all the ladies on a great season winning both the Masters league and Top 4.



Raiders were back in the Arena nice and early on Saturday morning when our **D5 Ladies** took on Malahide in their semifinal game. Raiders controlled the game from the tip off and had a very comfortable halftime lead of 29 - 12. This momentum continued with ladies booking their place in the final with a score of 55 - 26.

Early Sunday morning, the team faced Meteors in the Final and it wasn't as easy as their semifinal game, with the score tied 13 a piece at the end of Q1. This continued in Q2 with Raiders only leading by 2 points at half time.



Throughout the second half, both teams traded baskets but Raiders managed to score some unanswered points resulting in them being crowned D5 Top 4 Winners. While it was a great team performance two players stood out; Irati Itigoyen with 15 points and Amy Connolly with 14 points. Well done to the Team and Coach Teresa who achieved the triple this season; DLBB D5 League Winners, D5 Cup Winners and D5 Top 4 Winners.

Next up Saturday morning, were our **D4 Ladies** who faced Tridents (2) in their semifinal game.

The team were slow to get started allowing Tridents to get some easy baskets, finishing the first quarter only up by 3, 13 - 10.

However, in Q2 this all changed with Raiders playing some great defence and scoring some fabulous baskets bringing the half time score to 26 - 14.

Raiders continued this pressure, winning the game 43 - 34 and booking their place in the final against Aer Lingus.

Sunday morning quickly came around with the Team hoping to follow D5 Ladies winning ways. Raiders started off really well with the team having a 8 point lead at the end of Q1. However Aer Lingus fought back with a strong Q2 resulting in a half time score of 31 - 26 to Raiders. Raiders won the final two quarters resulting in them declared D4 Top 4 Winners with a score of 59 - 47. Well done to Lily Egan 14 points and Shauna Doyle 11 points who were top scorers on the day. Congratulations to all the players & Coach Ed on achieving the double this year; DLBB D4 League winners & Top 4 winners.



The last game of the day on Saturday were our **D1 Ladies** who faced Killester in their Top 4 semifinal.

The Team had a great start playing some strong defence and scoring some great baskets resulting in a half time lead of 16 - 24.

It was Raiders defence that kept their dreams of the final in sight, with some great steels, rebounds and blocks. It was definitely a team effort with 8 of the 11 players contributing to Raiders points, claiming their final place with a score 37 - 47

The team had to wait until the last game of the day on Sunday before they set foot on centre court of the National Basketball Arena to face Oblates in their final.

Both Raiders and Oblates had a great turn out of supporters who definitely were in full voice, each trying to outdo the other cheering and singing. I might be biased but in my opinion, Raiders won this contest!!

From the tip off, Raiders meant business and quickly took the upper hand playing some fast paced basketball which caught Oblate off guard. Being the team they are, Oblate didn't give up and chipped away at the scoreboard, with the half time score being 32 - 38

Raiders maintained the pressure, producing some crucial defensive and offensive rebounds, dynamic steels and blocks. This, together with a brilliant all team offensive play, secured them the win 49 - 58. This win not only crowned the Team D1 Top 4 winners but it also secured Dublin Raiders four Top 4 Trophies for the Club.

It is widely known that Sport Ireland puts a massive amount of work and funding in promoting and developing women's sport. One of their initiatives is to support the delivery of their strategic vision of specifically increasing participation of women of all ages in sport.

It is clear that Raiders are stepping up to this challenge with female players aged as young as 16 to ladies in their 50s not only playing but excelling in basketball over last weekend. Raiders really hope that all these players are an inspiration to the young girls coming through our Academies and younger teams. Let's go Raiders!

Raiders Summer Camp Open for Booking!



Our summer camp is filling up nicely, so book your place now to avoid disappointment.

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 12:30pm - 3:30pm.

Senior Awards Night 11th May

Only three weeks to go until the highlight of the Raiders calendar, the Raiders Senior Awards Night.

Tickets are now on sale which includes a three course meal, awards ceremony and dancing late into the night.

Tickets are available from our Team Coach / Manager, via from Easypaymentsplus or by Revolut to @claire8po9

Should you have any dietary requirements, please email admin@dublinraidersbasketball.com



Junior Awards

Another highlight and special event in the Raiders calendar is our Junior Awards Day.

This year it takes place on Saturday 25th May in the Sports Hall in St. Joseph of Cluny Secondary School. The ceremony starts at 2pm and parents are more than welcome to come along and join in the celebrations.



Players Survey

All teams from U12s up should have received their players survey link.

We would ask all players, underage and senior, to take 5 minutes to answer the survey. Please note the survey is completely anonymous and we really welcome your feedback.

Raiders Committee works hard in making Raiders the success it is but in order to maintain this, we need your feedback, suggestions and input. If you have any questions /queries please email Jenny at admin@dublinraidersbasketball.com

IBT International Tournament

Raiders are delighted to have a Mens Team taking part in the 39th International Basketball Tournament, in Eindhoven, Netherlands this weekend

Twelve players will travel and play three pool games on the Saturday in the hope of securing a place in the next stage of the competition.

You can get live updates via link www.tournifyapp.com/live/ibt2024.

Best of luck to all the lads and Coach Andrew and we can't wait to hear how you get on. Let's go Raiders!