

**Have a couple of hours spare a month? Want to help out the club? Capital tigers are looking for a treasurer. Interested? Please reach out to the committee.**

**Next Match – See you at Eastlakes on Saturday Afternoon at 1.15pm**

Saturday March 21

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| 1:15 pm AEDT                |                                                                                   |      |                                                                                   |     |                                                                                     |                    |
| Richmond                    |  | 10th |  | 3rd |  | Gold Coast<br>SUNS |
| MCG, Melbourne • Wurundjeri |                                                                                   |      |                                                                                   |     |                                                                                     |                    |

**Save the Date: Bus trip to the SCG – Cancelled due to lack of interest.**

**Round 1 Match Review vs Carlton Blues – [richmondfc.com.au](http://richmondfc.com.au)**

**Blues hold on to edge Tigers in thriller**



**Richmond's 2026 season has started in heartbreaking style.**



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# Roar Roundup – Week 1

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The Tigers fought tooth and nail in the second half, but the boot of Zac Williams and the intercepting hands of Lewis Young guided Carlton to an agonising four-point win, 10.15 (75) to 9.17 (71).

Tom Lynch was locked in a fascinating internal battle between Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde for the entire match, giving away frees, arguing with umpires, marking well and having a whopping 10 shots at goal.

But he kicked 2.7, the first Tiger to score seven behinds since Matthew Richardson.

Ynch's second, with just two minutes remaining, cut the margin to four points, but the Blues clung on with every remaining fingernail to secure the victory.

It wasn't exactly champagne football, with errors aplenty from both sides, but it was quick and entertaining, with the Blues having a smidge more class and composure than the Tigers in their period of dominance.

Jayden Short recorded 29 disposals, nine score involvements and 753 metres gained in a strong performance, debutant Sam Grlj impressed with 19 disposals, 13 kicks and 89.5% disposal efficiency, while Jack Ross (23 disposals, seven tackles), Tim Taranto (29 disposals, 15 contested possessions) and Sam Banks (24 disposals, 95.8% disposal efficiency) stuffed the stat sheet.

Sam Lalor, Rhyan Mansell and Steely Green were also highly influential throughout the contest.

Carlton burst out of the blocks, showing off the fast footy that served it well in the first half against Sydney last round, and crucially, hitting the scoreboard this time.

Second-gamer Jagga Smith had an astonishing 16 touches in the first term, with 12 handball receives, bursting through the contest time and time again.

By contrast, Richmond's top accumulator for the quarter were half-backs Jayden Short and Sam Banks, with seven each, and Carlton's tails – Harry McKay, Mitch McGovern and Brodie Kemp – were looking dangerous with the constant, quick supply.

Rain (and a fresh autumn chill signalling footy is truly back) rolled in at quarter-time, and the Tigers started to even up the contest, but second-year keys Jonty Faull and Harry Armstrong missed shots, seeing an opportunity to even up the scoreboard slip.

The question coming into the match had simply been: it couldn't happen again, could it?

Leading by 27 at half-time (it was 25 when Richmond mounted its epic comeback in the corresponding match last year), Carlton's run and gun dissipated in the third, with Lachie Fogarty hitting the post from directly in front.

The screws tightened, inch by inch, behind by behind.

The Tiger cubs hassled and locked the ball in their front half, feasting on the chaos as the Blues panicked, with Richmond winning the third quarter contested possessions by 10, and clearances by four.

But the hammer kept skewing off the head of the final nail, with Richmond kicking 2.6 for the term, missing chance after chance.

Short tried to nurse his first shot, and opted to bomb his second in much more customary style, and it was just six points the difference to open the fourth.

But Williams' goal – Carlton's sole for the second half – was enough to do the job.

## **Jagga and L4lor**

It's going to be a fun 15 years, watching these two go head-to-head. Lalor, the first pick in the 2024 draft, and Smith, the third selection. It was Lalor's MCG debut in the No.4 personally handed over by



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Dustin Martin, and Smith's actual MCG debut. The Blue couldn't have looked calmer if he tried, bouncing onto the field and causing havoc in the first half, before "quietening down" to finish with a game-high 32 touches. Lalor was key in Richmond's comeback, recording 16 high-impact disposals and two goals.

**CARLTON** 6.4 9.9 9.13 10.15 (75)  
**RICHMOND** 3.3 5.6 7.12 9.17 (71)

## GOALS

**Carlton:** McKay 2, McGovern 2, Williams, Pittonet, Lord, Kemp, Hewett, Hayward

**Richmond:** Mansell 2, Lynch 2, Lalor 2, Green 2, Short

## BEST

**Carlton:** Smith, Weitering, Cripps, Walsh, Florent, McKay

**Richmond:** Lalor, Short, Ross, Mansell, Taranto, Grlj

## INJURIES

**Carlton:** Nil

**Richmond:** Nil

**Crowd:** 74,313 at the MCG

## VFL Preseason Match Review vs Blues – [richmondfc.com.au](http://richmondfc.com.au)



## VFL Tigers fall short against Blues

### Carlton erased a 26-point deficit to beat Richmond's VFL side on Thursday afternoon.

After a promising first half, Carlton ran over the top of Richmond in its final VFL practice match on Thursday at IKON Park, 10.17 (77) to 10.10 (70).

The Tigers started the game perfectly, kicking a goal in the opening minute courtesy of Liam Fawcett, as new recruit Olli Hotton bursted out of the middle and found the key forward. However, the Blues responded almost immediately as Flynn Young made Richmond pay on turnover, streaming to within 55 metres and blasting one from deep.

Richmond was running hot, as was teenager Zane Peucker, roving one off the pack at pace before finishing with a brilliant snapping goal from the boundary. Ashton Moir responded with a snapping goal of his own before Noah Roberts-Thomson capped off a brilliant end-to-end play for the Tigers, kicking a nice goal from the paint of the 50-meter line late in the term.

A few late goals gave Richmond an 11-point lead at quarter time, having started the game very well.

Carlton flipped the script early in the second term with two quick goals to snatch back the lead, but after going goalless for over 10 minutes, recent SSP signing Tom Burton got the Tigers rolling with a brilliant set shot.

Moments later, Fawcett kicked his second goal after taking a good grab, followed by a towering mark to ruckman Oliver Hayes-Brown in the goal square. Late in the term, Peucker bettered his first goal, finishing with a wonderful snapping goal, this time off his left foot, to give Richmond a 26-point lead at halftime.

The Blues made another charge out of the main break, kicking the first two goals of the quarter, cutting the margin back to 13 points. The ball lived in Carlton's forward half for the majority of the first 15 minutes as they pressed hard, cutting the margin back to just four points approaching time on. Dane Harvey gave Carlton the lead on the three-quarter time siren, capping off a strong fightback.

Early in the last quarter, Richmond finally broke its long goal drought, capitalising on a Blues turnover with a goal as Sam Toner finished off the hard work, giving the Tigers back the lead.

However, Young found some space inside 50 moments later and kicked his third goal of the afternoon for yet another lead change, before Moir gave Carlton more breathing room.

Fawcett took a big grab in the goal square and kicked his third to keep the Tigers alive, down by five points with six minutes left in the match, but Carlton held its nerve and won by seven points, 10.17 (77) to 10.10 (70).

**Richmond** 4.3 8.7 8.8 10.10 (70)

**Carlton** 2.4 4.5 8.13 10.17 (77)

**Goals:** Fawcett 3, Peucker 2, Hayes-Brown, Burton, Lefau, Roberts-Thomson, Toner

## New "blueprint" set to drive AFLW success

– richmondfc.com.au



**Richmond's newly appointed Executive Manager of Women's Football, Jane Woodlands-Thompson, is committed to building a strong, strategic "blueprint" to drive success for the AFLW program.**

"The review that was done over the summer is going to be the blueprint of what we work from, and that was a very comprehensive review," Woodlands-Thompson said.

"I've read the executive summary in my interview process, so I would really like to do a deeper dive into that to pull out what is working well, what needs some tweaks and what we might need to re-do or re-purpose.

"The first job will be to review that, understand the landscape, have a look at the resources and get the org chart right.

"I detailed to the interview panel a bit of a three-year plan involving the new blueprint of where we go from here and how that might come to life.

"Hopefully, we can see some results on the ladder sooner rather than later."

Woodlands-Thompson has built an illustrious career, working with elite athletes across multiple codes.

Most famously, Woodlands-Thompson was the Head Coach of the Adelaide Thunderbirds Super Netball team, where she led the side to two premierships during her eight-year tenure.



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Alongside her role as Head Coach of the Australian Kelpies men's netball team, her extensive coaching experience positions her strongly for success in her new role at Richmond.

"In coaching, you never know when your time is up, one way or another, so I've always had plan B, and for me, that was sports administration, sports management and sports governance," Woodlands-Thompson said.

"I've been fortunate enough to be on the SANFL commission, Ice Hockey Australia Board, so I have dabbled in governance, and I have really enjoyed that part of it.

"I have always had a parallel career since I left teaching and coaching. It has been really good to have that background."

Combined with her love for football, she gained valuable experiences as Collingwood's General Manager of Women's Sport from 2018 to 2021.

Now returning to football, Woodlands-Thompson comes in alongside newly appointed Head Coach Jarrad Donders. The pair will work closely together as they create a new foundation for the Club going forward.

"I met Jarrad when I was in Melbourne last week, and we had a quick catch-up, and he was great," Woodlands-Thompson said.

"I loved hearing about his vision for the Club for the on-field program and what he has done in the football world before that.

"We are both PE teachers, which seems to be a bit of a common thread at Richmond.

"We had a lot of synergies in terms of standards, expectations and how we would like to fit out the program...the blueprint and how we would like to run it.

"I'm really looking forward to working with him and seeing him doing his craft."



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