

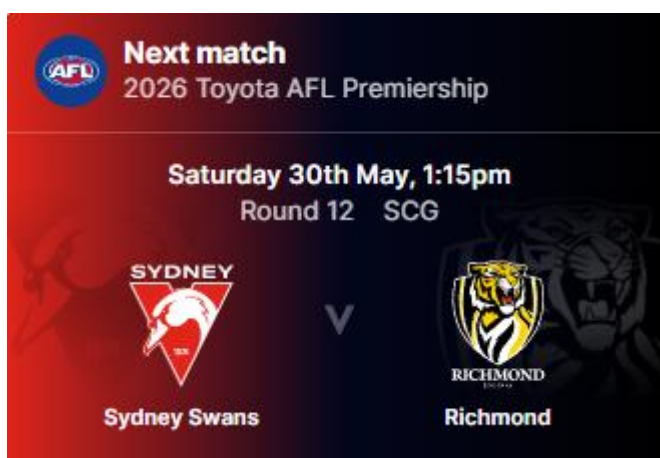


Roar Roundup – Week 11

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Retschko earns Rising Star nomination – richmondafc.com.au



Another exciting young talent has emerged at Richmond, with young gun Patrick Retschko picking up the Round 11 AFL Rising Star nomination for his efforts in the side's 18-point win over Essendon in Dreamtime at the 'G.

The 20-year-old shone in just his sixth AFL game, amassing a career high in disposals (27), kicks (15), handballs (12), and marks (8).

Retschko made his AFL debut with Richmond in Round 6 and has gone on to play in every game since, offering elite ball skills and running endurance.

The hard-running winger was acquired by Richmond in a trade with Geelong for the 99th pick in the 2025 trade period.

Despite not playing an AFL game in his debut year with the Cats, Retschko has excelled at Richmond, averaging 18.7 disposals, 5.2 marks and 426.8 meters gained.

Coach Adem Yze had high praise for his winger and said he has been impressed with the impact he has had at the elite level.

"He is a beauty. He has high speed, high endurance, and so we knew what we had going in," Yze said on SEN.

"The positive is that right now, he is looking like he belongs on an AFL field."

Teammate Jayden Short, in his 200th game, also had affirmation for Retschko, impressed by his work ethic and training standards since joining the Club.

"'Retsch' is a gun...since the day he walked in I've been really impressed by the guy with his willingness to work," Short said in a post-match interview with Richmond Media.

"He obviously came from a good system down in Geelong, and he's really hungry, which I love from a younger guy.

"He's come in and really set the tone with his training.

"His running ability is like I've never seen before. But then, ball in hand, he's elite as well.

"I'm rapt he's on our team now, and he's been a great teammate ever since coming across. So, really lucky to have him."

Retschko becomes Richmond's second Rising Star nominee for the 2026 season, joining Sam Grlj (Round 7).

Round 11 Match Review vs Essendon – richmond.com.au

Tigers ramp up pressure in Dreamtime victory



Richmond started the week struggling to make up a full squad, but finished it with its second win of the season.

Essendon simply couldn't keep up with Richmond, falling 18 points short in a 10.14 (74) to 7.14 (56) defeat at the MCG.

Essendon has struggled with its first quarters this year, and Richmond has battled with clearances – but aside from a run of three Bomber centre clearances, the Tigers had the better of the first term, jumping out to a 15-point lead.

The curious Tiger clearance dominance continued throughout the match, setting up well at the stoppages and holding an effective sweeper and finishing nine clear in the clearance count.

Unsurprisingly, for two teams often beset by injury, the medical teams were kept busy throughout.

The Bombers played with two on the bench for the last half, with Matt Guelfi (hamstring) and Sam Durham (concussion) ruled out by quarter-time, and captain Andy McGrath (jaw) at the main break, while Jye Caldwell played hobbled.

Tiger tall Jonty Faull was also ruled out with concussion at half-time.

The Tigers' quick youngsters troubled the Bombers, moving the ball well by hand down the field, and their forward 50 pressure was particularly sharp.

Nate Caddy was outstanding in the first quarter, and was then locked in a well-balanced battle with Luke Trainor, who had the reach to go with the lanky Bombers forward, while Archie May had some powerful patches in front of goal.

Mykelti Lefau could be in line for a third football code, after demonstrating a dribbling goal kicked three times between his right and left feet.

Both teams got trapped into slow play in the third term, attempting to kick their way through zone defences.



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The issue was, neither side had the capability of executing continual slow kicks, and when opportunities on goal came, only 200-gamer Jayden Short and May capitalised, for a collective 2.9 kicked between both teams.

The Bombers closed to within just seven points when a limping Caldwell converted, but the 1.6 scored in the third term came back to bite.

Lynch kicked truly at a crucial part of the fourth term, while second-gamer Noah Roberts-Thomson converted truly with just his fourth touch of the game, and Short rushed a behind to secure the win in his milestone game.

Darcy Parish was one of the Bombers' best and was given the Yiooken Award, while Tigers winger Patrick Retschko played the best game in his short career.

RICHMOND 4.5 7.7 8.10 10.14 (74)
ESSENDON 2.2 5.4 6.10 7.14 (56)

GOALS

Richmond: Lynch 2, Green 2, Short, Ross, Roberts-Thomson, Lefau, Faull, Cumming

Essendon: May 3, Caddy 2, Merrett, Caldwell

BEST

Richmond: Taranto, Retschko, Ross, Campbell, Short, Miller

Essendon: Parish, May, Roberts, Langford, Robey, Merrett

INJURIES

Richmond: Faull (concussion)

Essendon: Durham (concussion), McGrath (broken jaw), Guelfi (hamstring)

Crowd: 78,815 at the MCG

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Richmond kicked six first-quarter goals but Essendon proved too strong as the game wore on, taking the lead in the third term and never surrendering it after that, winning by 18 points in Saturday's VFL clash.

Reliable defender Mutaz El Nour pushed forward and gave Richmond a great start, but Essendon hit back with two of its own goals through Hussien El Achkar and Jaxon Binns. Eleven minutes into the term the Tigers hit the lead though, as Sean Lai got a handball receive and finished with class from 45.

Both sides traded goals throughout the rest of the first term, but a couple of late Tiger goals gave them a 10-point lead at quarter-time. Nik Cox drew the margin back to under a goal early in the second term, taking a towering pack mark and kicking accurately.

But Samson Ryan answered back for the Tigers, giving them a touch of breathing room, followed by a goal to Ry Cantwell. Jayden Nguyen kicked a necessary goal though to keep the Dons within touching distance, after a free kick inside-50, before Jackson Hatley gave Essendon the lead nearing time on.

Mohammed Yassine kicked an important goal and his first on the stroke of half-time, but the Bombers maintained a lead and were up by nine points at the main break.

Essendon got its lead out to a game-high 16 points to start the third term, but Toner's second moments later helped keep the Tigers in touch. Richmond pressed hard but Essendon held up strongly down back, taking a three-goal lead into the three quarter time break.

The Tigers needed a massive last term to get over the line and started perfectly as Toner kicked a brilliant checkside goal from the pocket to start the last term, bringing the margin back to 10 points. However, the ball lived in the Bombers' forward half and eventually they made the Tigers pay, kicking away to lead by five goals approaching time on.

Yassine, Ryan and Harry Scott all kicked consolation goals but the margin was too great to rein in, as Essendon won by 18 points at Windy Hill on Saturday morning. AFL-listed forward Tom Sims suffered a knee injury in the second quarter and didn't play any further part in the game.

Despite the loss there were plenty of positives, led by Toner who had a team-high 24 disposals and three goals, while also taking nine marks. Dashing defender Aaron Sharkie also continues to go from strength to strength, finishing the contest with 22 disposals and seven marks.

Essendon 4.5 10.8 12.11 15.17 (107)

Richmond 6.3 9.5 10.5 14.5 (89)

Goalkickers: Toner 3, Lai 2, Yassine 2, Ryan 2, Stewart, Fawcett, El Nour, Cantwell, Scott



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Exciting AFLW fixture released for 2026

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The 2026 AFLW fixture has finally landed, with Richmond preparing for twilight and night games, as well as trips to three different states across the season.

Excitingly, as already announced, Richmond will return to Darwin for the third consecutive year for the AFLW Dreamtime clash against Essendon.

The blockbuster match is scheduled for Round 3 of the season, to be held at TIO Stadium on Sunday 30 August from 6.45pm (local time).

Richmond will play their home games between IKON Park and Windy Hill this season. The Club will also travel to Canberra and the Gold Coast in Round 6 and 11, to take on the Giants and the Suns.

Richmond will play two Friday night matches, five Saturdays and four Sundays, headlined by five night matches and three twilight games.

It's a strong chance to showcase Richmond on the blockbuster stage, with ample opportunity for members and fans to support the team in prime time slots this season.

The season kicks off with a home game against Collingwood at IKON Park, with the Round 1 night game match-up set for Saturday 15 August from 7.15pm.

Round 2 is the first away game of the season, as the side heads out to the Whitten Oval to take on the Western Bulldogs on Saturday 22 August at 5.05pm (AEST).

The following week, it's the all-important Dreamtime in Darwin clash at TIO Stadium on Sunday 30 August from 6.45pm (local time).



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Richmond is back home in Round 4, hosting Fremantle at IKON Park on Sunday 6 September from 12.30pm.

A date with St Kilda lies ahead in Round 5, as we host them at Windy Hill, on Sunday 13 September at 1.05pm.

The second interstate trip lands in Round 6, with Richmond heading to Canberra's Corroboree Group Oval, to play GWS on Sunday 20 September at 12.35pm.

Returning back to Melbourne in Round 7, Richmond will take on Carlton at IKON Park in a Friday 25 September twilight spectacular, kicking off at 4.05pm.

Round 8 sees our second of four straight night games at IKON Park, this time hosting Geelong, set for Friday 2 October at 7.15pm.

A return to IKON Park for Pride Round lies ahead in Round 9, as the Tigers host Adelaide on Saturday 10 October in another night match, scheduled for another 7.15pm start.

The final match at IKON Park for the 2026 season falls in Round 10, taking on Melbourne in an away clash, set for Friday 16 October at 7.15pm, the second week of Pride Round for the league.

In the second last game of the season, the side heads over to the Gold Coast's People First Stadium to take on the Suns. That Round 11 match is set for Saturday 24 October at 4.05pm (local time).

A home game at Windy Hill closes out the 2026 home-and-away campaign, hosting North Melbourne on Saturday 31 October at 3.05pm.

"We are delighted to play eight of our 12 matches in prime time night and twilight spots this season, giving our Tiger Army a great opportunity to support our AFLW team on the biggest stage," Richmond Executive General Manager - Women's Football, Jane Woodlands-Thompson, said.

"We also look forward to returning to Darwin in Round 3 for Dreamtime, a game that holds great significance for the Club and our players, and is a magnificent celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

"We look forward to testing ourselves against some of the strongest teams in the league this season and are already working strongly towards our season opener on August 15."



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