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Open Training – Week 12 – richmondfc.com.au

Round 12 v Greater Western Sydney

Friday, May 30

ENGIE Stadium - Sydney

Gate D open from 3:15pm

Training from 3:30pm

Joint AFL/VFL training session

*Short signing session to follow

Injury Report – Week 12 – richmondfc.com.au

Tom Lynch: Concussion, Test

“Lynch has to get through the last couple of stages of his concussion protocol,” Serpell said.

“That involves a bit of contact at training today and then a full contact session later in the week.

“If he gets through that symptom-free, then he will be available for selection this weekend against GWS.”



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Mate Colina: Knee, Test

"I'm glad to say that Mate is expected to be available this week, but again, we just got to get through the main training session during the week," Serpell said.

"If he gets through that symptom-free then he will be available for selection."

Jayden Short: Calf, 1-2 weeks

"Sadly, Shorty's calf injury isn't progressing as well as we would have liked," Serpell said.

"As we said last week, we are going to look after our players, and it will probably be another week before we can give an indication of where he is coming back to.

"In addition to his calf injury, we have to make sure he is conditioned for the game, so probably another week or two before we see him."

Sam Lalor: Hamstring, 4-6 weeks

"Sammy Lalor had a re-aggravation of his hamstring injury that he sustained prior to coming to the Club," Serpell said.

"Unfortunately for him, he is going to miss a bit of gametime, thankfully it's only going to be around about three games though."

Thomson Dow: Patella, 6-8 weeks

"Unfortunately, Thomson Dow dislocated his kneecap," Serpell said.

"We will see how he progresses clinically over the next little while."

Taj Hotton: ACL, 4-7 weeks

Josh Gibcus: ACL, 5-8 weeks

"Both Taj and Gibbo are going really well," Serpell said.

"We expect to see them out training in the next few weeks without a non-contact hat on.

"About four or so weeks of that and we can expect to see them out playing again, so progressing well."

Harry Armstrong: Hamstring, 6-8 weeks

"Harry is still chipping away," Serpell said.

"It's a long process for him, and again, not many real updates for him, but we will bring his return to play forward by a week."

Josh Smillie: Hamstring, TBC

"Smillie is progressing quite well, but again not really many updates on him," Serpell said.

"We want to focus on his development from an athletic perspective.

"The hamstring itself is looking quite good, but we want to make sure that he is ready to play senior football as soon as possible and make sure he is robust for that."

Match Review – Week 11 vs Essendon – afl.com.au

Injury concerns sour Dons' Dreamtime win over young Tigers

Essendon's win over Richmond has come at a cost, with several players ending the game on the bench

SOMETIMES you take the four points, and head for the hills.

Essendon had to battle and grind and overcome a persistent and somewhat spirited Richmond side to record a 23-point victory at the MCG, pulling clear in the final term to secure the 11.15 (81) to 8.10 (58) result in the 21st Dreamtime at the 'G.

BOMBERS v TIGERS [Full match coverage and stats](#)

It was a dirty night both in terms of general play and on the injury front, with Kyle Langford (quad), Zach Reid (hamstring tightness), Thomson Dow (knee) and no.1 pick Sam Lalor (hamstring) all finishing on the bench.

On paper, Essendon should have controlled the game comfortably. The Bombers' average games played per player was at 103.6, Richmond at 63.1. The Tigers had 13 players with fewer than 50 games to Essendon's six.

Richmond's defensive pressure was strong for the first 2.5 terms, but without Tom Lynch, Toby Nankervis and Noah Balta, the Tigers didn't have the class to take advantage of their work, and they completely ran out of steam in the last quarter.

By turn, Essendon's forward entries and disposal in the first half left much to be desired, until the game broke open somewhat halfway through the third term, and the Bombers drove home their advantage.

Debutant Angus Clarke provided a first-half spark with three majors, but most of the first half was flat.

Richmond's full-forward line on the team sheet – Jonty Faull, Sam Lalor and Tom Sims – were only drafted in November, and were a year off being born when the first Dreamtime at the G game was played in 2005, while fellow draftee Luke Trainor moved from defence to attack to complete the package.

It was a scrappy opening stanza, to put it mildly. Neither side were able to take a mark in attack, with Essendon's opening goal from Yiooken award winner Nic Martin (35 disposals, two goals) coming from open play, while Tim Taranto's first for Richmond was a miraculous curler assisted by a push.

The malaise settled over the game was summed up by the normally reliable Kamdyn McIntosh (the winger being the Tigers' leading goalkicker in the selected team), who ambled up on his set shot and the ball skewed off the side of boot, falling 15 metres short.

It led to a frustrating back-and-forth game in front of an eerily silent and restless crowd of 76,000 – the Bombers would burst through the middle of the field and kick it over the heads of their forwards, while the Tigers would scrap and scrape their way forward and take overly ambitious shots at goal in the absence of strong targets.

But Essendon's midfield crew of Jye Caldwell, Sam Durham and Zach Merrett began to control proceedings in the third term, sitting 17 ahead in clearances at the final break, while Martin found plenty of ball on the wing, and Archie Roberts provided plenty of bounce out of defence.

Jacob Hopper played a lone hand in the midfield for the Tigers, while Nathan Broad was composed behind the footy in his first game as acting skipper, but Richmond simply didn't have enough winners on the night.

Contested Clarke's delightful debut

It took Friday night's debutant, Essendon's Angus Clarke, to show a touch of class in the error-strewn game. Playing on the wing, he took two diving contested marks in front of goal in the first and second terms against direct opponent Hugo Ralphsmith. He booted three for the term (with the Tiger getting two the other way), and finished with 16 disposals and eight marks.

Bombers' overflowing casualty ward

Essendon already has a lengthy injury list with a number of players – particularly tall – out of action. Things did not go well on the injury front once again for Brad Scott's men, losing key forward Langford before half-time



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with a quad complaint, and injury-prone tall back Reid with hamstring tightness in the third term. If the Bombers are going to continue to push for the top eight, they'll need a little more luck on the injury front.

Samson vs Gold-iath

To mix metaphors, the ruck battle was between Samson Ryan and Todd Goldstein, a mis-match of biblical proportions after skipper Nankervis was rested. While Ryan was lively around the ground in the first half, the veteran Bomber comprehensively held sway in the stoppages and gave first use to midfielders, which eventually broke the game open in the second half. Essendon finished 22 clearances to the good.

ESSENDON	2.1	6.4	9.8	11.15 (81)
RICHMOND	1.2	4.7	7.8	8.10 (58)

GOALS

Essendon: Clarke 3, Martin 2, Wright 2, Durham, Caddy, Guelfi, Perkins

Richmond: Taranto 2, Lalor 2, Ralphsmith 2, Faull, Mansell

BEST

Essendon: Martin, Durham, Merrett, Clarke, Caldwell, Goldstein

Richmond: Hopper, Broad, Vlastuin, Banks, Ralphsmith

INJURIES

Essendon: Langford (quad), Reid (hamstring)

Richmond: Dow (knee), Lalor (hamstring)

SUBSTITUTES

Essendon: Ben Hobbs (replaced Langford in the second term)

Richmond: Maurice Rioli jnr (replaced Dow at half-time)

Crowd: 76,051 at MCG

VFL Match Review – vs Essendon – Richmond.com.au

VFL Tigers roar over Essendon in Dreamtime clash

The VFL Tigers defeated Essendon by 22 points on Saturday night at Kinetic Stadium.

In a tough contest, Richmond's VFL side held strong to run out comfortable 22-point winners against Essendon in the annual Dreamtime game.

The Tigers started well with quick goals to small forwards Liam George and Jasper Alger in the first 10 minutes of the game.

Richmond had all the play against the wind in the first stanza of the game before Essendon turned the tide with goals to Alwyn Davey Jnr and Luamon Lual nearing the end of the first quarter, seeing the Tigers take just a two-point lead into quarter time.

Early in the second quarter, midfielder Tyler Sonsie launched a bomb from outside 50 to ignite the Tiger Army, but Xavier O'Neill responded minutes later for the Bombers, as the arm-wrestle continued. A wholesome moment ensued as star veteran Dion Prestia, in his first game of the season, got on the end of some fast ball movement to get on the scoreboard.

With a strong breeze, the Tigers were wasteful for the next 10 minutes, before Alger's second goal of the game got them going. Minutes later forward Mykelti Lefau kicked truly from a set shot to help Richmond establish a 22-point lead at half-time.



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Despite Essendon kicking to the scoring end, the Tigers were able to possess the ball and control the game coming out of half-time. But it was the Bombers who found the big sticks through Oskar Smartt to remain within touching distance.

After just one goal in the first 25 minutes of the quarter, James Trezise produced a crucial major to give the Tigers some much-needed breathing room. It gave them a 21-point lead with one quarter to play.

Richmond started the last quarter strongly with Lachlan Wilson and Liam Fawcett kicking early goals to push the Tigers' lead out to beyond five goals. When Lefau kicked his second goal, courtesy of a unique soccer goal, the game was all but over.

Essendon kicked late consolation goals through Smartt, who kicked his second and third goal late in the term, but it was the Tigers' night as they secured a 22-point victory to move into the VFL's top eight teams.

Sonsie looked a class above once again, finishing the game with 35 disposals, seven tackles and a goal. Jacob Blight won the Sir Doug Nicholls Award for best on ground, as he had 25 disposals, 19 kicks, 11 intercept possessions, and nine marks.

Prestia finished with 20 disposals in a successful return, while Tylar Young also came back from an ACL injury and had 11 disposals.

Richmond	2.4	6.8	7.11	10.14	(74)
Essendon	2.2	3.4	4.8	7.10	(52)

Goals: Lefau 2, Alger 2, Wilson, Trezise, Sonsie, Prestia, George, Fawcett

AFLW – 2025 Coaches – facebook.com/richmondwomens

Richmond AFLW has locked in their coaching line-up for the 2025 season.



Richmond has finalised its coaching structure for the 2025 AFLW season, with Chris Muratore elevated to backs line coach, and retiree Tamara Luke re-joining the Club.



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Muratore has been the backs line coach for Richmond's VFL Men's team for the past two seasons and was also a part of the Club's AFLW coaching set up in 2024, assisting former back line coach Nathan Chapman.

The former Parkside premiership-winning coach helped lift Parkside from Division 3 of the Western Region Football League to Division 1, initially as a playing assistant coach across 2017-18 and then as senior coach from 2019-23.

Muratore has also been an assistant coach at VFL Men's team Northern Bullants.

Luke returns to Richmond as a development coach, her first foray into coaching at AFLW level after she announced her playing retirement in November.

The forward/ruck played seven matches for Richmond in 2024, including the elimination final, adding to her 15 games at Hawthorn and St Kilda across four seasons.

Richmond Head of Women's Football, Kate Sheahan said that both Muratore and Luke were popular appointments among the playing group.

"Both Chris and Tamara are familiar faces around the program and were excellent candidates for these roles across our extensive interview process," she said.

"Chris has a great understanding of our players and program has great coaching experience and a passion for Women's Football.

"Tam has also impressed us with her adaptation into coaching and deep understanding of elite sport, in particular her passion for the development space."

Richmond 2025 AFLW Coaching Structure

Ryan Ferguson (Senior Coach)

Chris Muratore (Line Coach- Backs)

Shaun Hampson (Line Coach- Midfield)

Emma Grant (Line Coach- Forwards)

Brendan Fevola (Specialist Coach- Forwards)

Tamara Luke (Development Coach)