

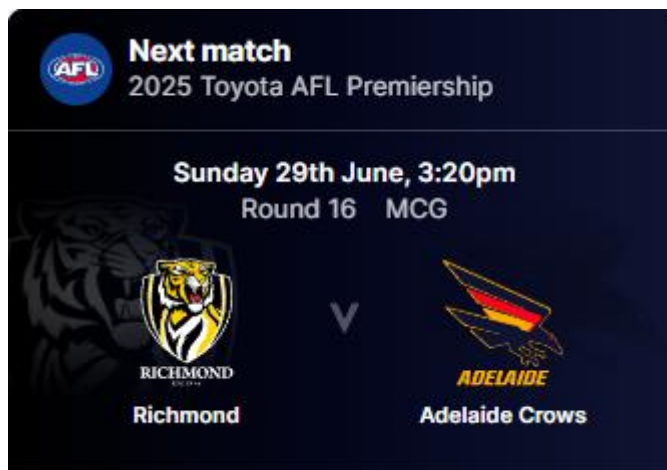


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Next Game – See you this Sunday 3.20pm at Eastlakes Kingston with other members of the Tiger Army.



Injury Report – Week 16 – richmondfc.com.au

Sam Lalor: Hamstring, Test

“Sammy has done really well from a rehab perspective, and he will be a test this week,” Serpell said.

“We will make him available on the selection table, and then the coaches will make a call on his future from there.”

Harry Armstrong: Hamstring, 1 week

“We expect him to get through training this week and hopefully see him running around in that week against Geelong,” Serpell said.

Josh Gibcus: ACL, 1 week

“Gibo is doing exceptionally well,” Serpell said.

“I’d say this is his last week out, and then we will put him as a test next week, and we expect him to get some gametime in our game against Geelong next week, probably at VFL.”

Jayden Short: Calf, 1 week

“Shorty is likely to miss another week,” Serpell said.

“As I said last week, he was a test, but he probably didn’t perform as well as we would have liked him to, not just from an injury perspective but from a performance perspective.

“We will give him another week here and test him leading into our Geelong week game in a couple of weeks.”

Josh Smillie: Conditioning, 1-3 weeks

“Smills is doing very well,” Serpell said.

“I think we had him down for 2-4 weeks last week, and now we can bring that forward to one to three (weeks).”

“I would comfortably say that it would be on the later end of that, but he is certainly getting a good body of work in, and this will set him up for his whole football career.”

Campbell Gray: Knee, 2-4 weeks

“Campbell Gray started doing a little bit of running last week and a little bit of kick and move, so happy to put a timeline on him now,” Serpell said.

“We expect him to miss the next two to four games and be back playing a bit later this year, so really good news on Campbell Gray.”

Kane McAuliffe: Quad, 3-4 weeks

“Sadly for Kane, he sustained a quad injury in training last week, and he was pulled from the game towards the end of the week,” Serpell said.

“We are expecting him to miss around three to four weeks now on that quad strain.”

Thomson Dow: Patella, 3-6 weeks

“Not a whole lot to update you on Thomson Dow,” Serpell said.

“He is still struggling a little bit with that patella, so we will just bring his weeks forward and see how he progresses over the next couple of weeks.”

Samson Ryan: Foot, TBC

“Samson is still struggling with his foot,” Serpell said.

“I don’t really have a timeframe on that, but he is still struggling with his plantar fascia issue.”

“Hopefully we can get him out to do a bit of meaningful running in the next little while, and then we can put a time frame on his return.”

Mate Colina: Shoulder, Season

“Sadly, for Mate, he dislocated his shoulder in the VFL game towards the end of game, and unfortunately for him, I think his season is done,” Serpell said.

Judson Clarke: ACL, Season

“Juddy is doing quite well,” Serpell said.

“He is getting surgery this week, and beyond that, we will just get around him and look to the future and make sure we have the best rehab plan in place for him after that.”

Match Review – Western Bulldogs – afl.com.au

Western Bulldogs were a class above young Richmond side, but Adam Treloar suffered another setback.

Luke Beveridge's side have had few issues beating up on the teams below them this season, and Sunday's easy 79-point triumph over Richmond never looked like it would be the exception.

But, while tougher tests will present themselves to the Dogs this season – their 1-6 record against top eight teams remains the biggest question mark hanging over them – their Marvel Stadium rout over the Tigers still went some way to validating their premiership credentials.

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

Everything that makes the Dogs such a tempting premiership pick was on show in their 21.9 (135) to 8.8 (56) win. Marcus Bontempelli was an unstoppable force from the midfield, while Sam Darcy was an immovable object up forward. When they combined, the result was a foregone conclusion. Richmond stood no chance.

Bontempelli finished with 36 disposals and three goals to go with seven clearances, four goal assists, 11 inside-50s and 12 score involvements. Darcy was just as good, kicking five goals from 19 disposals and eight marks.

The bulk of their brunt work was completed in the second quarter, and was the catalyst behind an unanswered seven-goal run that helped blow the margin beyond Richmond's reach and lay the foundations for a comfortable second half.

Even by that stage, though, things had already started to look ominous for the Tigers. They conceded the first three goals of the match and, while they plugged some holes up until quarter-time, the dam wall was always threatening to burst. That eventuality happened in the second term, where the margin stretched to 56 points by the main break.

But it wasn't just the Bont and Sam show. Bailey Williams (25 disposals, 15 marks) and Bailey Dale (23 disposals, seven marks) were prolific across half-back, while first-year winger Sam Davidson (27 disposals, one goal) enjoyed perhaps the most impressive performance of his young career to date.

The only downsides came when the Bulldogs lost youngster Ryley Sanders before the match to illness, then Adam Treloar midway through the contest to yet another calf injury. Never fear, though, for Beveridge's side is one of few to have the midfield depth to cover two important absentees.

Instead, Ed Richards (27 disposals, one goal), Tom Liberatore (26 disposals, five marks) and Matt Kennedy (25 disposals, seven tackles) steered the ship alongside Bontempelli in another scary reminder of how much talent the Dogs have to play with.

A young Richmond battled throughout a difficult second half. Veteran forward Tom Lynch added two goals in the third term, before Richmond chipped in with five more in a fighting final quarter performance that kept the end margin from exploding even further that it had once threatened to.

By that stage, though, the four points had long been heading back to the Whitten Oval. But you probably could have predicted that weeks ago.

A long day for young Tigers

Everyone knew there would be days like these for Richmond this season. It's to coach Adem Yze's credit that they perhaps haven't come around as often as many thought they would before a ball had been kicked this season. The side's 79-point defeat was its second worst of the season, with March's 82-point hammering by St Kilda still topping that list, but was the fifth of 10 goals or more through the season's first 15 weeks. The Tigers kicked just one goal to half-time and fought for nothing but pride throughout a long and difficult second half. The tough tests don't stop, though, with a high-scoring Adelaide the next opponent set to face Richmond next Sunday at the MCG.

WESTERN BULLDOGS	3.3	10.6	15.7	21.9 (135)
RICHMOND	1.3	1.4	3.8	8.8 (56)



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GOALS

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Richmond: Lynch 3, McIntosh, Ross, Campbell, Green, Hopper

BEST

Western Bulldogs: Bontempelli, Darcy, Liberatore, Richards, Kennedy, Williams, Lobb

Richmond: Vlastuin, Taranto, Lynch, Campbell, Hopper

INJURIES

Western Bulldogs: Treloar (calf)

Richmond: Nil

SUBSTITUTES

Western Bulldogs: Buku Khamis (replaced Treloar in the second quarter)

Richmond: Jasper Alger (replaced Sonsie in the third quarter)

LATE CHANGES

Western Bulldogs: Sanders (illness) replaced by Harmes

Richmond: Nil

Crowd: 38,280 at Marvel Stadium

Hotton hits the ground running – richmondvfl.com.au

Richmond recruit Taj Hotton made his much-anticipated debut for Richmond's VFL side on Sunday.



Richmond young gun, Taj Hotton, took to the field on Sunday for the first time in more than 12 months after recovering from an ACL injury sustained last year.

Hotton was selected as the number 12 pick in the 2024 draft by the Tigers and has since been working hard in rehab to get himself back to playing, a task he accomplished on Sunday as he played for Richmond's VFL side against Footscray.

Known for his silky skills with the ball, Hotton got off to a strong start to his career in the yellow and black, recording 14 disposals and two tackles in less than three-quarters of football.

Unfortunately, Hotton's return to play was spoiled by an in-form Bulldogs outfit, who defeated the Tigers by 45 points.

Richmond's VFL coach, Jake Batchelor, said Hotton showed off his versatility in his first outing.

"He is a great talent," Batchelor said.

"Started him at quarter-time and he showed his strengths straight away.

"He is cat-like, he is in the air, he is on the ground, he is clean, he is evasive, and he has really good vision with his hands."

Hotton made an instant impact, taking a strong leaping mark before linking up with Mykelti Lefau, who finished off the passage of play with a goal.

Batchelor added that he was impressed with Hotton's performance, considering he has been sidelined for the last year.

"The fact that he got through after 12/13 months off and played three-quarters of football, almost, was so pleasing for us," Batchelor said.

"I hope that the Tiger fans got a great glimpse into what Taj is going to be like going forward into the future."

Richmond will be looking to bounce back this Saturday against the Northern Bullants, who currently sit in last place on the ladder.

VFL Match Review – Footscray – Richmond.com.au

Richmond VFL outclassed by formidable Footscray

After a promising first half by Richmond's VFL side, Footscray kicked nine second half goals to overrun its opposition and win by 45 points.

It was a hot start to the game with both teams putting on fierce pressure, as Footscray got off to the perfect start with a goal to Caleb Poulter.

The Tigers then dialled up the heat and locked the ball inside 50, with Liam Fawcett the beneficiary of that as he slotted a nice goal.

Minutes later Massimo Raso found space inside 50, pulling down a nice grab before casually slotting his first goal of the afternoon.

But as the quarter neared its end, the Bulldogs kicked two quick goals through Lachie Jaques and Poulter again, giving Footscray a seven-point lead at quarter-time.

Richmond continued to own territory and inside-50s in the second quarter, but failed to get reward with multiple missed shots and turnovers.



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Late in the first half the Tigers led the inside-50 count 30-16, before finally some reward for their efforts late in the term, with goals to Mykelti Lefau and Fawcett. The late burst allowed Richmond VFL to get their noses in front at the main break, leading by just one point.

Footscray responded brilliantly after the break with a goal in the first minute of the quarter to take the lead back. That sparked a dominant quarter, as it was the Doggies turn to control inside-50's, resulting in three consecutive goals.

Liam George stemmed the flow, kicking a much-needed goal for Richmond after roving the ball off the pack, then selling candy before finishing with a classy goal.

But a late goal to Footscray's Xavier Kardachi gave his side control and an 18-point lead with a quarter to play.

Things continued to get better for the Doggies with back-to-back goals from Will Lewis to start the last quarter blowing the margin out to beyond 30 points. They continued to ride their momentum and finished strongly, kicking nine goals to the Tigers' two after half-time to run out 45-point winners.

Richmond	2.1	4.5	5.9	6.9	(45)
Footscray	3.2	4.4	8.9	13.12	(90)

Goals: Fawcett 2, Street, Raso, Lefau, George

AFLW – Tigers lock in pre-season clashes

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Richmond will face off against Carlton in Match Simulation Training, and Hawthorn in an exciting Practice Match, ahead of the 2025 AFLW season.

On Friday 25 July at 5pm (AEST), the Tigers take on the Blues at Ikon Park as part of the league's Match Simulation fixtures.

The format, number of players, game length and breaks of the Match Simulation against Carlton will be agreed upon by the two competing teams closer to the date.

The following week, Richmond will take part in an official Practice Match against Hawthorn.

Proceedings are scheduled on Sunday 3 August from 12pm at Ikon Park, with the official team to be named the day before at 5.30pm (AEST).

AFL Executive General Manager of Football Operations, Laura Kane, said the preparation provides Clubs the chance to have a strong hit out before the season proper.

"As anticipation builds towards the start of the AFLW's 10th season, Practice Matches and Match Simulation Trainings provide Clubs with an opportunity to test themselves against their competition ahead of the season officially getting underway on August 14," Kane said.

Additionally, Richmond supporters are encouraged to head along to Ikon Park for a free chance to watch the team against Hawthorn.

"Fans can attend the practice matches for free, so I'd encourage everyone to head along to connect with their new draftees, watch their favourite players and experience AFLW," Kane said.

The Practice Match against the Hawks will be live streamed.