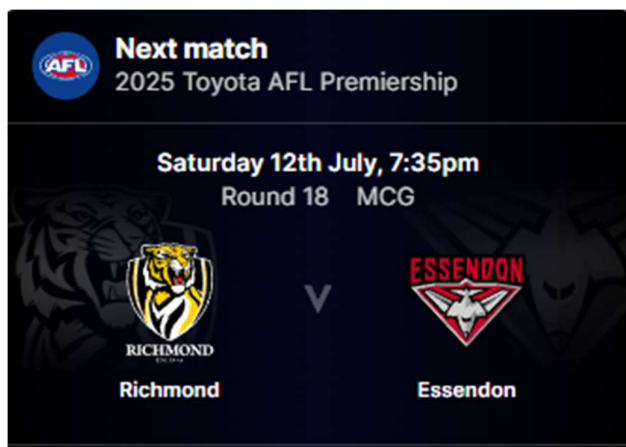


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Injury Report – Week 18 – richmondfc.com.au

High Performance Manager Ben Serpell gives his injury update ahead of Richmond's match with Essendon this Saturday night.

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Number one draft pick Sam Lalor re-injured his left hamstring on the weekend, which will see him miss the remainder of the season.

Similarly, wingman Hugo Ralphsmith also sustained an injury to his hamstring. Serpell confirmed that he won't return to the field this year.

Devastatingly, key forward Jacob Bauer sustained an ACL injury in the third quarter of Richmond's VFL match on Sunday, which will sideline him for the remainder of 2025.

Both Josh Gibcus and Jayden Short made their return to football through the VFL after a prolonged time on the sidelines and played key roles in the side's thrilling five-point win against Geelong.

"It was great to see Shorty out there, and I think most of the fans in Melbourne would've heard his voice down in Geelong," Serpell said.

"Gibbo coming back after a couple of years, I think everyone was excited about that, and we are looking forward to seeing him increase his game time this week."

"He had scans conducted yesterday, and we are probably looking at four to six games he's going to miss out."

Harry Armstrong: Hamstring, test

“Harry is doing quite well,” Serpell said.

“He is a test for this weekend, and as we said last week, he was ruled out of play due to an unrelated medical condition and he is a test for this weekend but unlikely to pass this test this week, to be fair, but hopefully we see him out there the week after that.”

Campbell Gray: Knee, test

“Campbell Gray, I can confidently say, is a test for this weekend,” Serpell said.

“Hopefully, we see him out playing this weekend.”

Josh Smillie: Conditioning, 1-2 weeks

“He is doing quite well. He got viral (illness) last week and missed out on a block of training, but has come back over the weekend looking quite well,” Serpell said.

“Last week, I said he was probably one to three weeks away, and he is probably going to be at the back end of that, and we will probably still hold on to that.

“Still about one to two weeks away, and we will make a call after that.”

Kane McAuliffe: Quad, 1-2 weeks

“Kane McAuliffe is progressing quite well, he is out there running fast and kicking a ball,” Serpell said.

“We just have to get him involved in a bit more football, and that will happen over the next couple of weeks. He is probably around one to two weeks away.”

Jasper Alger: Ankle, 3-4 weeks

“Jasper Alger injured his ankle in the first quarter, and credit to the young lad, he got out there and saw out the game,” Serpell said.

“Unfortunately, he is going to be out for the next three to four weeks with a low-grade syndesmosis injury.”

Mykelti Lefau: Calf, 3-5 weeks

“Kelt's is starting to walk around pain-free and doing quite well, so I think last week we said four to six weeks, and I'm happy to say we will bring that forward a week,” Serpell said.

Liam Fawcett: Foot, 5-7 weeks

“Liam had surgery on his ankle last week for a syndesmosis injury,” Serpell said.

“We will bring him forward to five to seven (weeks), and we are hopeful that he can get back out for some game time at the back end of the year.

“We still have plenty of VFL games to go and hopefully VFL finals as well, so hopefully he can have an impact in that, but if not, we will look after him and set him up for a really good pre-season.”

Thomson Dow: Patella, 2-5 weeks

“Thomson Dow started running last week,” Serpell said.

“Unfortunately, he didn’t respond too well to that, so we are kind of back at square one with that.

“We are just going to continue to work with him and see how he responds clinically, and we will look to push him out, hopefully by the end of the year, but his timeline is getting a bit finer.”

Sam Lalor: Hamstring, season

“We are all devastated for the young man, and I am sure our fans are too,” Serpell said.

“After a strong, meticulous rehab, unfortunately, he did re-injure his hamstring. It is his third time on that hamstring and the second (occasion) with us.

“The injury mechanism here for Sam this time was very different to his original injury mechanism.

“He sustained the injury in a tackle. I think anyone who throws their body at the game (in the same way) as he did, and credit to him for doing that, is going to put their body at some risk irrespective of their injury history.”

Serpell said that the Club would explore surgical options to strengthen the structure of Lalor’s hamstring.

“We are a bit concerned about the integrity of the hamstring structure,” he said.

“As part of that, we will consult a few surgeons over the next little while to see if there is some surgical intervention available for us.”

Hugo Ralphsmith: Hamstring, season

“Hugo Ralphsmith sustained a hamstring injury late in the game and unfortunately for both of them (Lalor), it’s going to rule them out for the rest of the year,” Serpell said.

Jacob Bauer: ACL, Season

“Unfortunately, we did see an ACL injury for Jacob Bauer,” Serpell said.

“Sustained in contact in an aerial contest in the third quarter.”

Samson Ryan: Foot, TBC

“Samson started running this week and pulled up quite well,” Serpell said.

“He will have his next session coming up, and that plantar fasciitis is finally starting to settle, so we aren’t ruling him out for the rest of the year.

“We are still trying to set him up and will be happy to see him out there, hopefully soon.”

Match Review – Geelong Cats – Week 17 – afl.com.au

GEEELONG has put together a dominant performance against a young Richmond side, thrashing the Tigers by 72 points on Saturday afternoon at GMHBA Stadium.

The Cats had 10 individual goalkickers, with the floodgates opening up after quarter-time when Geelong kicked 15 goals to the Tigers' six to win 18.16 (124) to 7.10 (52) in front of a crowd of 31,060.

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

They did it without star midfielder Bailey Smith, who was a late out due to illness and was replaced by Jack Bowes.

It was a slow start, and while there wasn't a lot happening on the field, there was plenty happening on the Richmond bench. Devastatingly, No.1 pick Sam Lalor was the first to come from the ground, grabbing at his left hamstring after applying a tackle to Tom Atkins on the wing.

Lalor injured the same hamstring six weeks earlier and was subbed out of the game at the seven-minute mark of the first term with what looked to be a significant injury.

Shortly after Lalor came to the bench, Richmond's medical staff were under the pump as Jasper Alger, Tom Brown and veteran Kamdyn McIntosh joined their teammate on the sidelines. Thankfully, all three returned to the game, despite looking a bit worse for wear.

The temporarily undermanned Tigers kept up with Geelong initially and had 17 inside 50s to 12 in the first quarter. But it was Geelong which was more damaging with its forward entries, with Patrick Dangerfield, Jeremy Cameron and Bowes all hitting the scoreboard, while for the Tigers their only major came through a well-executed snap from Rhyan Mansell on the boundary.

Chris Scott, who coached his 350th game, may have asked his players to lift at the quarter-time break, as the Cats came out firing in the second term. Crafty small forward Gryan Myers' influence increased, as did mature-aged recruit Shaun Mannagh's, as the Cats piled on 10 unanswered goals. To the delight of Cats fans, one of those goals came through debutant George Stevens, who slotted his first career goal from a set shot.

The crowd was on Jezza watch with Cameron looking to kick his 700th AFL goal. But in true Cameron fashion, he kept the crowd guessing, missing a number of opportunities before finally reaching the milestone midway through the third term.

Tiger Hugo Ralphsmith became the second Richmond player to injure their hamstring, icing his leg on the bench in the last quarter when the sting was well and truly out of the game. Both Geelong and the Tigers added three goals apiece in the last quarter, making it Richmond's best quarter of the match with Maurice Rioli jnr, Toby Nankervis and Tom Brown hitting the scoreboard.

Lalor's hamstring horrors

Young Richmond gun Sam Lalor played less than three minutes in the Saturday afternoon clash, limping from the ground clutching at his left hamstring after applying a tackle on Geelong's Tom Atkins. Lalor tried to play on, but the youngster couldn't manage to jog more than a few steps, and as a result was subbed out of the game. Lalor injured the same hamstring in the Dreamtime at the 'G match against Essendon in round 11.

GEEELONG	3.3	11.9	15.13	18.16 (124)
RICHMOND	1.2	2.4	4.6	7.10 (52)

GOALS

Geelong: Cameron 4, Neale 3, Dangerfield 2, Close 2, Bowes 2, Stevens, Martin, Mannagh, Holmes, Henry

Richmond: Mansell 3, Rioli, Nankervis, Faull, Brown

BEST

Geelong: Miers, Holmes, Cameron, Dangerfield, Guthrie

Richmond: Mansell, Hopper, Taranto, Rioli, Campbell, Faull

INJURIES

Geelong: Nil

Richmond: Lalor (hamstring), Ralphsmith (hamstring)



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SUBSTITUTES

Geelong: Mitch Duncan (unused)

Richmond: Maurice Rioli jnr (replaced Sam Lalor in the first quarter)

Crowd: 31,060 at GMHBA Stadium

VFL Match Review – Geelong Cats – Richmondfc.com.au

Richmond defeated Geelong at GMHBA Stadium by five points on Sunday, in a thrilling come-from-behind victory.

The Tigers were down by as many as 37 points before turning it around, with Harry Scott the hero.

Both teams found their offensive flow early in the game, with the Tigers kicking early goals through Steely Green and Lachlan Wilson.

Their momentum was halted after that as the Cats dominated territory, regularly playing on quickly to generate good looks ahead of the ball.

Geelong kicked the final three goals of the first quarter helping give them a 16-point lead at quarter-time.

It was much of the same after the break as the Cats transition game made things difficult for the Tigers, with young Geelong key forward Jay Polkinghorne the beneficiary of some swift ball movement.

The Cats managed to stretch the lead out to five goals approaching time on.

It was crucial for Richmond to hit the scoreboard approaching half-time, and they were able to, through Jacob Bauer and Taj Hotton.

This cut the margin back to four goals at the main break, breathing life into the game for what looked like a down and out Richmond outfit only minutes earlier.

The Tigers got off to the perfect start after the break with Green kicking his second, but Geelong responded with a goal to Jamieson Ballantyne and then another from ruckman Joe Pike.

Richmond continued to hang around though with back-to-back goals from Mohammed Yassine and Massimo Raso, followed by a late goal to Jacob Koschitzke to cut the margin to 18 points at the final break.

Despite trailing for most of the match, Richmond refused to lie down, starting the quarter in scintillating fashion with three quick goals.

The last of them from Green tied the scores just 10 minutes into the term, but with all the play against them, Keighton Matofai-Forbes managed to slot one to give the Cats back the lead.

But, Richmond vice-captain Joel Garner pushed forward soon after, taking a big grab and slotting the set shot to keep the Tigers right in it.

With time ticking away Geelong held a one-point lead before a massive run-down tackle by Liam George gave the Tigers the ball on the paint of 50.

He popped the kick over to Scott, who then slotted a brilliant goal from the boundary with just 11 seconds left, to give Richmond the lead for the first time since early on in the game.



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Geelong won the following centre clearance and blasted inside 50, but Tylar Young pulled down a game-saving mark as Richmond produced a win for the ages, after being down by 37 points late in the second quarter.

Jayden Short was brilliant on return from a calf injury, registering 27 disposals and 14 marks, while Scott was the hero and finished with 26 disposals, 10 tackles and the winning goal.

Green also helped spark the comeback, kicking three goals and providing great pressure inside-50, while Hotton displayed his immense talent once again with 23 disposals and a goal. Josh Gibcus also made a successful comeback, after more than 15 months out of the game with injury.

Bauer left the game with a suspected ACL injury.

The Tigers will now look ahead to next Saturday's clash against Southport at Kinetic Stadium.

Richmond	2.0	5.1	9.3	14.4	(88)
Geelong	4.4	8.8	11.9	12.11	(83)

Goals: Green 3, Raso 2, George 2, Yassine, Wilson, Scott, Koschitzke, Hotton, Garner, Bauer

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Every time Richmond pulls on the Yellow & Black sash in 2025, it's for the Tiger Army.



This season, the Tigers are playing for the team, community, culture and connection. They're playing for every AFLW player - past, present and future - and continuing to build on the legacy of the Richmond Football Club.

The Tigers have attacked pre-season with a fierce focus and intensity, as they gear up for the 2025 campaign, starting on August 15 with a trip to Sydney to face the Swans.

With the game-day playlist set and guernsey's pressed, there's just one thing the team is waiting on - YOU.

Whether you support from the stands of Ikon Park, from the comfort of your couch or among friends and family, the Tigers are ready to entertain you this AFLW season.

Richmond has five home games locked in at Ikon Park, where the stadium will be painted Yellow & Black.

The Tigers also hit the road for one home game, as they head to TIO Stadium in Darwin for Dreamtime. This will be the second year of Dreamtime in Darwin, as Richmond takes on Essendon in a night that means more than football.

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Richmond General Manager of Women's Football, Kate Sheahan, is excited by the prospect of the playing list this season.

"We've brought in some fantastic new talent for 2025, and we're excited to see how they'll integrate into our team. Alongside that, our younger players continue to develop and push their game to new heights," Sheahan said.

"From experienced players like Mon Conti and Ellie McKenzie to second year player, Issy Bacon, who's ready to burst out the blocks - we're really proud of the depth in our squad. It's going to be exciting to watch these players grow over the season."

Sheahan also reflected on the importance of the Tiger Army, and the way they continue to positively impact performance.

"Richmond supporters have always been the heart and soul of our club. The passion of the Tiger Army is unmatched, and we're excited to be able to give them a season they can rally behind," she said.

"I know our players are looking forward to playing in front of the Tiger Army at every opportunity, and we're committed to making sure we perform week in, week out."

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