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Next Game – See you this Saturday evening at 8.10pm at Eastlakes Kingston with other members of the Tiger Army.



Seth Signs On – richmondafc.com.au



Seth Campbell commits until 2029

Richmond forward Seth Campbell has put pen to paper to extend his contract until 2029.

Richmond is delighted to announce that exciting forward Seth Campbell has signed a fresh contract extension with the Club, locking him in for the next four years.

Campbell, who had an existing contract for next year, has signed for an additional three seasons, tying him to the Swinburne Centre until at least the end of 2029.

The 20-year-old Tasmanian lead the Tigers' goal-kicking this season with 21 majors from 17 games, including multiple goals in eight matches.

Campbell, who was selected in the 2022 AFL Rookie Draft, missed most of his debut 2023 season with injury, but has been a regular across the past two seasons.

One available, the hard-running Tiger with excellent skills and nous around goal instantly added a spark to Adem Yze's team, and he has added more layers to his game this season.

Campbell averages 13 disposals, 2.6 tackles, 2.6 inside 50s and two scores per match while providing important pressure and run.

The promising youngster has played mostly across half forward and the wing in his 38 AFL matches to date, with his skill set certain to impact more areas of the ground in the future.

Campbell has already shown small glimpses of his capacity to play through the midfield, where his dynamic movement and clean hands have been a feature.

The potent forward said he was "very happy at Tigerland".

"We have a great bunch of players here and I am very excited for what the future holds for us," Campbell added.

"Getting a couple of games under my belt and having that exposure last year, gave me a bit of confidence coming into this year and (I have enjoyed) being able to just play and play on instinct.

"The last three years have been unbelievable; I have loved it. It is just like a family here, another family away from home."



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Richmond Executive General Manager of Football Talent, Blair Hartley, said it was exciting to have Campbell locked in for another four years.

"Seth continues to take significant strides with his performance and will only get better across the coming years," he said.

"He has been quick to show his talents at AFL level and this contract is a reward for the hard work he has put in to make this kind of output possible.

"Seth loves being a part of this group and we cannot wait to see him continue to improve and grow alongside the rest of our team."

Another Rising Star – Luke Trainor – richmondafc.com.au



Trainor rolls into Rising Stardom

Richmond draftee Luke Trainor has been nominated as the Round 18 AFL Rising Star.

Richmond youngster Luke Trainor has been recognised as the AFL Round 18 Rising Star nominee, after his impressive performance against Essendon.

The 19-year-old collected 16 disposals, took five marks and laid five tackles in the Tigers' nine-point victory over the Bombers on Saturday night at the MCG.

He was a solid contributor in Richmond's fourth win of the season, and becomes the second Tiger to be nominated for the AFL's Rising Star award this season, following fellow 2024 draftee Sam Lalor, who was nominated in Round 1.

The defender, who has also played on the wing and up forward at times, was Richmond's fourth pick (No. 21 overall) in last year's Draft and has played every game this season.

Standing tall at 194cm, the teenager was drafted from Sandringham Dragons, after a successful 2024 campaign, alongside his school football with Brighton Grammar.

Trainor is averaging 14.4 disposals thus far in 2025, while also taking 4.4 marks per game. The exciting youngster has become an important part of the Tigers' line-up and has progressed strongly throughout his debut season.

Injury Report – Week 19 – richmondfc.com.au

High Performance Manager Ben Serpell provides his injury report as Richmond prepares to travel to Perth to face the Eagles.

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After Richmond's nine-point win over the Bombers on Saturday night, Serpell was glad knowing everyone came out unscathed.

"A week in football can change things a little bit, so it was good to get the result, although it was a tough contest," Serpell said.

"The boys pulled up alright, and they are a bit more happy around the place at the moment."

Harry Armstrong: Hamstring, available

"Harry is doing really well and got through everything last week," Serpell said.

"I'm happy to say that he is available this weekend."

Jasper Alger: Ankle, available

"We scanned Jasper's ankle last week after the injury report and realised the injury wasn't as severe as what we thought originally," Serpell said.

"Happy to say that he has pulled through training last week and is available for selection this week."

Josh Smillie: Conditioning, 1-2 weeks

“Josh is going alright at the moment,” Serpell said.

“There is no VFL game this week...we would like to bring him back through the VFL. We are still going to list him as one to two weeks just to make sure he gets the opportunity to get football exposure.

“Still a little way off but progressing well now.”

Kane McAuliffe: Quad, 1-2 weeks

“Kane is doing well with his rehab,” Serpell said.

“As I said with Josh Smillie, there is no VFL game this weekend, so on the off chance we wanted to bring him back through the VFL, there is no opportunity for that this week.

“It’s probably best if we say that he is one to two weeks away, and we will see how he progresses.”

Mykelti Lefau: Calf, 2-4 weeks

“Kelts is doing well,” Serpell said.

“He is getting through all his rehab and happy to bring his return to play forward another week. He is about 2-4 weeks away now.”

Liam Fawcett: Foot, 4-6 weeks

“Liam is doing well, he is out of the boot now and walking around,” Serpell said.

“We will start to progress him a little bit this week and hopefully running towards the end of next week. We can still comfortably say that he is four to six weeks away.”

Thomson Dow: Patella, 2-5 weeks

“Sadly, Dowy has not made any progress, so I don’t want to bring his return to play forward at the moment,” Serpell said.

Campbell Gray: Knee, 6-8 weeks

“Campbell Gray’s test didn’t go too well last week and unfortunately it has set him back a little bit,” Serpell said.

“We are looking at him for another six to eight weeks away.”

Samson Ryan: Foot, TBC

“Samson has started some overground running now without any adverse reactions,” Serpell said.

“Hopefully we can increase his running load over the next little while and hopefully progress a little bit of jumping into him and see him out on the park hopefully soon.”

Sam Lalor: Hamstring, season

“We consulted a few surgeons for Sammy’s case, and there is a fairly strong consensus that surgery was required for him,” Serpell said.

“After three injuries to the same side over the last 12 months, it was clear that it was unlikely that hamstring was going to heal in that spot.

“He will undergo surgery this week and will look forward to hopefully having a quick recovery and get most of pre-season done.”

Match Review – Essendon Bombers – Week 18 – afl.com.au

Tigers outwork wounded Bombers to prevail in forgettable scrap

Richmond broke the shackles in the final quarter to edge Essendon by nine points

RICHMOND has snapped a seven-game losing streak, coming from behind to stun Essendon by nine points in an MCG scrap where the Bombers lost star ball-winner Nic Martin to a knee injury early.

In arguably the lowest-quality match of the season, the Tigers failed to score a goal in the second and third quarters, but still managed to secure their fourth win of the season.

A clutch goal from Jacob Hopper put Richmond in front midway through the final term, setting up the 6.10 (46) to 4.13 (37) victory.

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

It was the rebuilding Tigers' first win since beating lowly West Coast on May 11.

After each team kicked three goals in the opening quarter, the standard of the match collapsed dramatically.

Essendon kicked the only goal across the second and third quarters as both teams repeatedly butchered the ball.

No team scored a goal after Richmond ace Jayden Short's major late in the first quarter until midway through the third term, when Essendon young gun Archer May converted a free kick.

Leading by seven points at the final change, Essendon will be rueing a missed opportunity, but also sweating on scans to Martin.

The 24-year-old was shoved over the boundary line by Richmond forward Rhyan Mansell midway through the first quarter and was subbed off.

Six Bombers, including playmakers Sam Draper, Jye Caldwell and Zach Reid, have already been ruled out for the season.

The Bombers have started investigating why so many players are breaking down, many of them due to repeated soft-tissue injuries.

Tigers star Tim Taranto stood out in a scrappy contest with 34 touches and a goal, while Essendon captain Zach Merrett battled valiantly with 31 possessions.

It was Essendon's sixth straight loss, ahead of a Marvel Stadium date with surging Greater Western Sydney on Thursday night.

Essendon's injury nightmare continues

The Bombers are already decimated by injury, and that casualty list grew even further on Saturday night after star midfielder Nic Martin was subbed out in the first quarter with a right knee injury. Tiger Rhyan Mansell



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forcefully bumped Martin over the boundary line as the pair contested the ball, with Martin landing hard and sliding into the fence. The 24-year-old was subbed out of the match soon after. Essendon remained tight-lipped on the severity of the injury but isn't ruling out an ACL, with Martin looking shattered as he was assessed by medical staff in the rooms. He sat on the bench for the remainder of the match, making his way out to the three-quarter time huddle on crutches.

Hotton gets the 'G roaring early

Taj Hotton made his long awaited debut and it didn't take him long to assert himself in the game, with his first-quarter goal sending the Tiger Army into raptures. The 19-year-old ran back with the flight and hauled in a huge mark 30m out from goal after veteran Dion Prestia sent a spearing kick inside 50. With just his second disposal of his career, Hotton calmly went back and slotted the goal and was immediately swamped by teammates. Hotton, the son of former Collingwood and Carlton player Trent, was taken by the Tigers with pick No.12 despite suffering an ACL injury during his draft year. The Tigers handed him a well-earned debut after promising performances in his three VFL outings since return.

RICHMOND 3.4 3.5 3.9 6.10 (46)
ESSENDON 3.0 3.6 4.10 4.13 (37)

GOALS

Richmond: Banks, Faull, Hopper, Hotton, Short, Taranto

Essendon: Caddy, Durham, May, Tsatas

BEST

Richmond: Taranto, Vlastuin, Short, Brown, Hopper

Essendon: Roberts, Merrett, Duursma, Ridley, Durham

INJURIES

Richmond: Nil

Essendon: Martin (knee), Setterfield (foot)

SUBSTITUTES

Richmond: James Trezise (replaced Tyler Sonsie at three-quarter time)

Essendon: Zak Johnson (replaced Nic Martin in the first quarter)

Crowd: 52,125 at the MCG

VFL Match Review – Southport Sharks – Richmondfc.com.au

Tigers overpowered by Sharks

The VFL Tigers were defeated by 28 points at Kinetic Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Despite a brilliant first quarter, Richmond's VFL side was unable to hold on, as Southport powered its way to a 28-point victory on Saturday afternoon.

Richmond produced a scintillating first term, headlined by the returning Nicholas Girolami, who kicked two early goals.

It was some of the best footy the Tigers had put together all year, as they put Southport to the sword early despite having nine team changes from last week's great win against Geelong.

The fast start helped Richmond to a 20-point quarter time lead.

After the break Southport showed its class, with early goals to Wylie Buzza and Max Pescud, before Campbell Lake kicked back-to-back goals to cut the margin to single figures.

The Sharks started to dominate clearances and time in forward half, cutting the Tigers' lead back to just six points at the half, with both teams looking up for the fight.



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Southport continued to claw its way back after the main break, hitting the lead for the first time courtesy of a Jackson Edwards goal from a 50-metre penalty.

They proceeded to kick the next four goals to extend their margin once hitting the lead, before Girolami gave the Tigers hope with a goal on the three-quarter time siren – his third of the match.

That cut the margin back to 20 points, and with an eerily similar three quarter time score to last week's game, anything was possible for Richmond in the final term.

Harry Scott and Steely Green kicked early final quarter goals to give the Tigers hope of another come-from-behind victory, but the Sharks withstood the pressure to run out 28-point winners, 15.15 (105) to 12.5 (77).

Scott produced another brilliant performance for the Tigers, recording 26 disposals and a goal, while Girolami made a positive return to the side with three goals. Green kicked three goals, while Jacob Blight and Mutaz El Nour both had 23 disposals, with El Nour adding 14 intercepts and Blight 10.

For the Sharks, Jacob Dawson was a class above, finishing the game with a whopping 45 disposals and 15 clearances.

The Tigers will now have the bye before doing battle with Werribee at Avalon Airport Oval on the 26th of July.

Richmond 6.0 8.1 9.3 12.5 (77)

Southport 2.4 6.7 11.11 15.15 (105)

Goals: Girolami 3, Green 3, Pollocks 2, Toner, Street, Scott, Hanson

AFLW – For the Tiger Army – Richmondfc.com.au

TICKETS NOW ON SALE - 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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