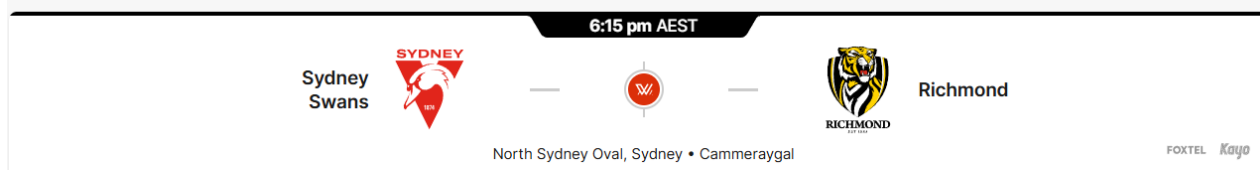


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Banks lauds “awesome” rookies – richmondfc.com.au

Sam Banks says Richmond's Tiger Cubs have injected great excitement into the Club.



Emerging Richmond youngster Sam Banks has lauded the Club's crop of 2024 draftees, saying they've been "awesome" in their debut season.

Heading into Round 23, the Tigers' eight draftees have all had positive moments throughout their rookie season, which has Banks enthused for what the future holds at the Swinburne Centre.

"It's been so exciting around the group, and they've brought something different. It's been awesome," Banks told Triple M.

"Sammy (Lalor) hasn't had the best of luck with his hammy, but he has been awesome.

"The big tall forwards, it's pretty exciting to see where they'll be in four-to-five years' time.

"All of them have been unreal, and it's an exciting place to be."

Banks added it's been important for the young playing group to be competing in close games, as has been the case during the majority of the campaign.

"We have been in a lot of games, especially in this back half of the year, minus probably the Gold Coast one," he said.

"I think it's shown real growth in the group. So many young blokes and exposing them to close games of footy has been awesome."

Injury Report: Round 23, 2025

Two Tigers are listed as a test ahead of this weekend's clash with North Melbourne.

High Performance Manager Ben Serpell gives his Injury Report ahead of Richmond's clash with North Melbourne this Sunday.

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Coming off a narrow loss to St Kilda over the weekend, Serpell took positives knowing that no injuries were sustained during the contest.

"The AFL side pulled up quite well," Serpell said.

"It (the result) was disappointing, but as a whole, from an injury perspective, we are pretty happy with how we came out."

Unfortunately, in the VFL win over Sandringham, key forward Tom Sims left the ground after sustaining an injury to his elbow.

Sims had scans earlier this week confirming that he will not need to undergo surgery. However, he will miss the remainder of the 2025 season.

Tom Sims: Elbow, Season

"Sadly, for Simsy, that will end his season," Serpell said.

"Essentially, he sustained a ulnar collateral ligament, similar to the MCL in your knee that Jonty (Faull) sustained, but it is in his elbow.

“Thankfully, he doesn’t have to have surgery, so he will be fine and ready to go for day one of pre-season.”

Liam Fawcett: Ankle, Test

Oliver Hayes-Brown: Hamstring, Test

“There are a couple of guys that we are happy to bring forward this week,” Serpell said.

“Liam Fawcett and Ollie Hayes-Brown, we are going to put them on tests this week, and hopefully we can get some gametime into them this week.”

Mykelti Lefau: Calf, 1-2 weeks

“Mykelti is going really well now, and we suspect to see him ready to play in about one to two weeks,” Serpell said.

Campbell Gray: Knee, 1-2 weeks

Samson Ryan: Foot, 1-2 weeks

“Campbell Gray and Samson Ryan have progressed a fair bit this week,” Serpell said.

“Happy to say that we can bring their return to play forward a little bit...one to two weeks.

“Hopefully we can get a little bit more game time in for both by the end of the year.”

Kane McAuliffe: Quad, 2-4 weeks

“He is going well, just standard really, so we are expecting him out ready and available to play in two to four weeks,” Serpell said.

Josh Smillie: Quad, 3-6 weeks

“As we reported last week, Josh Smillie came off the track a little bit sore a couple of weeks ago,” Serpell said.

“Subsequent scans last week revealed a minor quad strain.

“It’s not too serious, and we are hoping to see him out running around doing a little bit of training this afternoon, and we aren’t ruling him just yet that he can get a little bit of gametime in VFL at the backend of the year.”

Match Review – St Kilda Saints – Week 23 – afl.com.au

Saints hold off Tigers in Saturday scrap at the MCG

St Kilda wins its third game in a row in a hard-fought affair at the MCG

ST KILDA has shaken off a seriously spirited Richmond outfit to land a third-straight win.

Just.

After getting out to a 20-point lead in the first quarter, the Saints won the 8.8 (56) to 7.10 (52) nailbiter despite the Tigers' best efforts on a perfect Melbourne winter's day at the MCG.



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Marcus Windhager (32 disposals, nine marks) was the tough, reliable presence both at the contest and around the ground that the Saints needed, while the decision to swing defender Jack Sinclair (30 disposals, one goal) into the thick of it for the final quarter proved to be a sound one.

The Saints got off to record pace when it came to marking the footy, as Richmond allowed them to own possession and patiently chip the ball around. Taking a whopping 48 uncontested marks in the opening quarter, they worked slowly to build up, shifting from wing to wing before opting to go forward.

But that was where it all broke down for St Kilda, as it too often sent long, high balls into attack, playing right into the hands of Richmond's clever interceptors of Nick Vlastuin (seven intercepts, 19 disposals), Ben Miller (seven intercepts, eight marks), and Tylar Young (four intercepts, 17 disposals).

Once Richmond established more effective pressure higher up the field, however, it was game on. Juxtaposing St Kilda's patient build up, the Tigers played with dare and a pinch of chaos, becoming unpredictable to their opponents.

Maurice Rioli offered his signature close-down pressure, Rhyan Mansell got dangerous in the attacking arc, and Dion Prestia was strong in the contest.

There was a real physicality about how Richmond opted to play following the first break and they worried the opposition ball carrier.

Finding some dash and aggressive attacking movement was crucial for St Kilda, but it all too often felt like it was Nasiah Wanganeen-Milera or bust. The star Saint shook off a left leg complaint in the second half to get dangerous through the corridor, ultimately finishing with 33 disposals, 629 metres gained, and a remarkable goal.

Both Tom Lynch (one goal, three behinds) and Mason Wood (two behinds) had misfiring radars, with plenty of opportunities to contribute on the scoreboard from both sides, but neither were able to make the most of them.

But Lynch, in his first game since round 16, kicked truly when it counted, getting off the mark early in the final quarter to lift the crowd and his young teammates.

Unfortunately for Adem Yze's side, it wasn't enough to secure a sixth win of the season, but it certainly showed enough to keep Tigers fans enthusiastic about what's possible in the coming weeks, and years.

The footy talks for Nasiah

In an opening half of footy that was largely bereft of big moments, of course it was Nasiah Wanganeen-Milera who added something to the highlight reel. Across half forward he gathered a loose ball, evaded one Richmond tackler and kicked toward goal. It was always offline, but as it hit the deck about a metre before the goal line, the ball pitched on its point, turned and slid through for a goal. It was as if it was exactly what the Saints star had in mind.

Headband-gate

Amidst a stalemate across the second quarter, some confusion was thrown into the mix as Richmond winger Kamdyn McIntosh was handed a free kick off the ball. Upon second look, it was as a result of St Kilda ruck Rowan Marshall snatching McIntosh's signature black sweatband off his head a kick away from the play. It resulted in a shot on goal from tight against the boundary, a little further than the 50m arc out from goal, and failed to register a major, but it was certainly one of the stranger free kicks awarded across the year.

A milestone for Higgs

It just felt right that dangerous forward Jack Higgins brought up his 100th game for St Kilda by kicking his 200th career goal against his old side. Having a career-best season, Higgins took his 2025 goal tally to 43 on Saturday, and was sure to quieten the Richmond crowd following his second for the day. It is a remarkable achievement for someone who required two rounds of brain surgery back in 2019, and even better for Higgins is that he is doing it for the club he grew up supporting.



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RICHMOND	1.0	4.5	6.8	7.10	(52)
ST KILDA	3.2	5.3	5.6	8.8	(56)

GOALS

Richmond: Mansell 2, Balta, Armstrong, McIntosh, Taranto, Lynch

St Kilda: Higgins 2, Sharman 2, Garcia, Wanganeen-Milera, Hall, Sinclair

BEST

Richmond: Vlastuin, Young, Miller, Mansell, Short

St Kilda: Windhager, Wanganeen-Milera, Macrae, Wilkie, Sinclair

INJURIES

Richmond: Nil

St Kilda: Nil

SUBSTITUTES

Richmond: Steely Green (unused)

St Kilda: Liam Henry (replaced Max Heath at half time)

Crowd: 41,395 at the MCG

VFL Match Review – Sandringham – Richmondfc.com.au

A dominant third quarter by Richmond's VFL side set up a 41-point win against the Sandringham Zebras on Saturday night at Kinetic Stadium in Frankston.

Richmond came into the clash with Sandringham as hot favourites and started the better of the two teams, led by key-forward Jacob Koschitzke who kicked three first quarter goals.

Massimo Raso and Nicholas Girolami also chipped in with clever goals as the Tigers took a 17-point lead into quarter time.

The Tigers were on fire early, getting on top in the midfield and converting their clearances into goals with deadly efficiency.

But the Zebras responded brilliantly with goals to Lance Collard, Bailey McKenzie and Arie Schoenmaker to keep the Zebras right in the game.

Half-time came at a good time for Richmond, as the Zebras came roaring back to be within two goals at the main break.

Koschitzke was the star of the first half with four goals, as he looked a genuine threat in the air and on ground level.

After letting Sandringham back into the game in the second term, Richmond came out red hot in the third term, with quick goals to Raso and Yassine signalling the Tigers' intentions, as they started to dominate.

Austin Johnson kicked a brilliant set shot goal from the boundary soon after and young VFL-listed key forward Joshua Pollocks also got in on the action, pushing the margin out to beyond 40 points.

Sandringham's second quarter display looked a distant memory, as it went scoreless for the quarter to give the Tigers a 49 point-lead heading into the final quarter.



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Isaac Keeler kicked his first goal early in the last term, snapping a run of seven straight goals by the Tigers.

Charlie Orchard then kicked his third goal of the game as the Zebras put a disappointing third quarter behind them to gain some respectability back on the scoreboard.

They managed to dominate time in forward half in the last term, but didn't capitalise on their opportunities, as Richmond cruised to a 41-point win.

Koschitzke played one of his best games in the yellow and black, finishing with 27 disposals, 26 hit-outs and four goals, while Mutaz El Nour was also brilliant (23 disposals and eight marks).

The mosquito fleet of Raso and Yassine, who kicked three and two goals respectively, were dangerous all night, while applying a lot of pressure on their opposition.

On a sour note, Tom Sims left the game in the third quarter with an apparent arm injury.

Richmond will next meet Williamstown at DSV Stadium next Sunday in the last match of the home-and-away season.

Richmond	5.2	10.2	16.6	18.7	(115)
Sandringham	2.3	8.5	8.5	11.8	(74)

Goals: Koschitzke 4, Raso 3, Girolami 3, Yassine 2, Toner 2, Pollocks 2, Johnson, George

AFLW – 50 Games for Maddie Shevlin

She's got the flare and rev, that's just our Shev 🦁

Celebrating (Canberra's Own)Maddie Shevlin's 50th game this Friday night, thanks to [Hostplus](#)

