

RICHMOND

BACHAR HOULI

DEF - \$493,800

One of the biggest turn arounds you will see in a player; amazing what change does. Went from never playing more than 10 games in a season at Essendon over 4 years to playing 21 games, 22 games and 22 games in his time at Richmond. Immediately averaged 89, dropped that a bit in 2012 with 82 but last year was a nice 91.5 per game. Only twice went under 70 last year (both against St.Kilda) and showed he can score big. One of the better sub-500k options and could fit in nicely at D3, or D4 if your pockets are full of cash.

Others to consider.....

Chris Knights – FWD - \$304,600

Fantastic player but a fantastic 'burn-man'. If you're considering Higgins, but don't want someone in 18% of sides (Knights is in 1%) then Knights could be your man. Put a good 2-3 years together earlier in his career, before being injured the past 4 years. For Higgin's price and preseason form I would choose him, but you should at least consider Knights.

Jack Riewoldt - FWD - \$458,500

Wouldn't have been a POD a few years ago. The fact is that J-Roo is only 2% of sides, possibly due to his inconsistency. His last four years he has averaged 92, 81, 90 & 85. He can tend to go missing in games, but can also win a game of his own boot. A self-imposed media ban for 2014 might suggest how serious he is about his footy this year (not that I'm suggesting he wasn't in the past). If I remember correctly (complete anecdotal evidence) he was earmarked for a role further up the field at times, playing a genuine CHF rather than FF. This may increase his possession tally, but hopefully not decrease his goals.