

# All-clear for concussed Saint

JON RALPH

ST KILDA has ruled out any long-term damage to key forward Patrick McCartin despite another concussion.

But he will miss this week's clash against Carlton alongside defender Sean Dempster, who is out for a month after knee surgery.

The Saints' horror week with injuries saw Hugh Goddard ruled out for 12 months



RESTED: Patrick McCartin.

with a ruptured achilles tendon and Nick Riewoldt cop a heavy knock to his knee.

St Kilda head of football

Jamie Cox said yesterday Riewoldt was 50-50 after scans cleared him of structural damage.

The club's No. 1 pick McCartin has been concussed twice as a Saint and once while playing in the under-18 championships.

St Kilda says he will be rested until after the bye following the Blues clash, confident he will recover quickly.

And the club has angrily

denied McCartin's management of his type 1 diabetes has any impact on his football.

"[The concussion] wasn't that significant. Paddy has had a couple of concussions this year but we have got the bye next week so we won't take a risk with him," Cox said.

"No doubt second time around we will take a slightly more conservative route, but he has just gone through the usual protocols.

"He is incredibly diligent with his diabetes, he has fantastic people around him and it's a non-issue.

"It makes us crabby and it makes Paddy and his family crabby to say otherwise.

"In the words of his specialists, he is as diligent a young man as you would find in this space and anything else is just wrong and scuttlebutt."

There were fears Riewoldt had stirred up his recurring

knee injury that previously saw him having to drain fluid from the joint.

But the club is hopeful he might still play against Carlton.

"Nick had a scan and he's come up pretty well from that," Cox said.

"Nick's knees have been well publicised [over his career], so we won't know how Nick's travelling until later in the week."

## Woosha rules out stacking defence

SAM LANDSBERGER

ESSENDON'S most exciting player is likely to miss and the Bombers have proved unwatchable, but coach John Worsfold is glad his side returns to the bright Friday night lights against Hawthorn.

Worsfold said yesterday the Dons would not alter their game style.

He urged fans to attend Etihad Stadium to witness Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti, but the electrifying defender did not train and could be rested.

The TAB has the Bombers a \$17 outsider to topple Hawthorn and cast an 11-goal betting line in one of the most lopsided matches on record.

But Worsfold said his team would "have a go" against the triple premier.

"It's our home game, [it's a] Friday night and we don't get many home games on a Friday night," he said yesterday.

"[Come and watch] our young squad. If you want to see a Tipungwuti play live and see what he does and the excitement he brings to the crowd, and Darcy Parish [and Orazio] Fantasia.

"We've got by far the youngest forward line in the competition, but they're going to do some exciting things.

"It's always nice to look back later and say, 'I was there when these young kids were doing the hard yards and doing their apprenticeship and getting ready to go'."



UPBEAT: John Worsfold.

The Hawks have won six of the past seven games by an average of 46 points and straggler Fremantle last week broke its duck with a 79-point hammering of the tiring Bombers.

Worsfold said if the Dons "played 10 guys in the backline" it might limit the damage, but would do little for the club's development.

"That's not going to teach us and not going to help us improve," he said.

"We have to wear some pain as we want to get better and we'll keep taking that on.

"We're still starting games wanting to win quarters of footy and win a game, and if we just say we're going to try to stop the opposition scoring, that's basically saying we're not here to try to win."

He said top-up player Ryan Crowley would miss at least four weeks with a torn hamstring.

Top-10 draft pick Aaron Francis will not be given a debut for at least another three weeks.



DOUBTFUL: Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti did not train yesterday.

Picture: GETTY

## Roughead embarks on therapy

HAWTHORN'S Jarryd Roughead has started immunotherapy treatment for cancer.

The 29-year-old is expected to be out of football for at least 12 months after being diagnosed with a recurrence of melanoma in May.

"In conjunction with established cancer therapies, immunotherapy provides real hope for more effective treatment of a wide range of cancers, including melanoma," Mark Shackleton, from the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, told AFL.com.au.

Meanwhile, Marc Pittonet could be in line for his second match as Hawthorn looks to replace suspended ruckman Jon Ceglar for Friday night's clash with Essendon.

Ceglar will sit out the Etihad Stadium match after accepting a one-game ban for striking Melbourne forward Jesse Hogan.

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### AFL LADDER ROUND 12

	Pts	%
North Melbourne	40	130.8
Sydney	36	146.5
Geelong	32	138.8
Western Bulldogs	32	132.0
Hawthorn	32	108.9
Greater Western Sydney	28	133.3
West Coast	28	133.0
Adelaide	28	127.1
Port Adelaide	24	111.7
Carlton	24	86.2
Melbourne	20	105.1
Collingwood	16	87.3
St Kilda	16	82.8
Richmond	16	81.8
Gold Coast	12	69.6
Fremantle	4	77.1
Brisbane	4	62.4
Essendon	4	57.6

FRIDAY  
Essendon v Hawthorn  
Etihad Stadium, 7.50pm

SATURDAY  
Port Adelaide v Western Bulldogs  
Adelaide Oval, 1.40pm  
Brisbane v Fremantle  
Gabba, 4.35pm  
Geelong v North Melbourne  
Etihad Stadium, 7.25pm  
West Coast v Adelaide  
Domain Stadium, 7.40pm

SUNDAY  
St Kilda v Carlton  
Etihad Stadium, 1.10pm  
Richmond v Gold Coast  
MCG, 3.20pm  
Greater Western Sydney v Sydney  
Spotless Stadium, 4.40pm

MONDAY  
Melbourne v Collingwood  
MCG, 3.20pm

## Big wet hinders state team preparation

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the world — these guys are still playing in the TSL so they are fit anyway," Geappen said.

"We were only going to go through some tactical stuff anyway, it wasn't going to be too hard."

The scratching of the session was the final nail for Glenorchy captain and last year's state vice-captain Brayden Webb, who was set to have a fitness test at Aurora Stadium.

Webb was left out of the final 23, which means Tasmania will be without its cap-



B: Corey Nankervis, Tom Cleary, Jordon Arnold  
HB: Jay Foon, Ben Reynolds, Harry Walters  
C: Jay Lockhart, Taylor Whitford, Jake Cox  
HF: Mitch Rainbird, Jobi Harper, Nick Dodge  
F: Trent Standen, Mitch Thorp, Jack Siggins  
R: Tyrone Morrison, Ian Callinan, Clint Riley  
Int: Jordan Hayden, Nick Walters, Rhys Mott, Brandon Batchelor, Dylan Riley

tain and vice-captain from last year with Clarence's Brady Jones already missing because of broken ribs.

Also out is Lauderdale hard-nut Bryce Walsh who has been ruled out after suffering concussion against North

Launceston on the weekend. "He's out. It's a bit more serious than we first thought," Geappen said.

This means North Launceston's Jay Lockhart, Taylor Whitford, Clarence's Jake Cox and Ian Callinan and Burnie's Tyrone Morrison and Clint Riley will be in the middle of the park and following the ball for Tasmania in a 23 that includes five Dockers, three Roos, two players from Devonport, six from Glenorchy, two from Lauderdale, four from the Northern Bombers

and one from the Tigers.

The training session for the state side isn't the only event that has been culled because of the heavy rain.

The Southern SATIS cross-country event scheduled for yesterday at the Police Academy at Rokeby, a greyhound meet in Launceston also set for yesterday and a harness meet on Monday night were all casualties of the downpour.

The fifth round of the Tasmanian Women's League scheduled for this weekend has also been postponed.