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**Laidley 'busting'  
to give former  
Lavington giant  
his first taste  
of the big time**

# BIG MAC ON PIE ALERT

ROO ON THE RISE:  
Hamish McIntosh at  
Kangaroos' training  
yesterday.  
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By XAVIER MARDLING

FORMER Lavington giant Hamish McIntosh is in line to make his AFL debut when the undefeated Kangaroos tackle Collingwood at the MCG on Friday night.

Kangaroos coach Dean Laidley said yesterday he was "busting" to play the 203cm ruckman-forward against the Pies after a strong start to the season for Port Melbourne in the VFL.

But McIntosh, who was named as an emergency for the Roos before breaking his ankle last season, said last night he had not been told if he would play.

"They've told me that my form's been



good and to just keep persisting and that my chance will come," McIntosh said.

"When it does I just have to take it. "But I haven't been told anything about this week.

"I've been here a while now so this year is really make or break for me, hopefully I can make a few inroads."

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