

ESKIMOS HERE TO DEFEND 13-POINT MARGIN

50th Rugby Squad of Calgary Full of Fight for This Afternoon's Test

LINE AND BACKFIELD WORKING SMOOTHLY

Ideal Weather for Grid Class And Record Crowd Expected At Hillhurst Park

TO a rugby championship banner, or back to the club house with their dogs for the year, are the alternatives that face the Calgary 50th squad this afternoon in their title fight against trying odds with the Edmonton Eskimos.

They start at 2:30 o'clock in Hillhurst park, and the setting provides the most outstanding feature that the grid has offered here in many years. It shows a Calgary team within fighting distance of the provincial honors, but to achieve that post, the 50th must exert the greatest effort that any Calgary combination has been called upon to show in the annals of the fall pastime.

Fighting Chance Remains

There is a chance for Calgary to pluck the coveted flag from the Eskimos, who invade here today, but the champions are fortified behind a horridade of 13 points that must be reduced, before the band of huskies bearing Calgary colors can storm the shaded in pursuit of the chrys. Interest here is at a keen height today, the and Hillhurst park should hold the biggest rugby crowd on record over the weather looks favorable and the boys should draw big support, for their battle against the Edmonton leaders.

Line plunging is the Eskimos' greatest asset, while Jack Fraser has added to their strength with his powerful punting boot, and his spirited running. Calgary's finest feature is extension plays around the ends. The local squad is lighter, but the backs play a smart running game and their passing has been tamed considerably since the last appearance when fumbling cost them a decision at Edmonton.

Offsets Esk. Kicker

Offsetting Fraser's stout kicking today, will be Archie McTeer's wicked lift, for this boy has a record quite equal to that of Fraser, although he has not had the experience of the Esk. star. McTeer appears in his first game of the season this afternoon, but he is in good condition, and with a weeks training should turn in a good show with the boys.

Deacon White, coach of the Edmon. is not satisfied that his squad has completed the conquest of the 50th yet. His team has 13 points to the good, but Deak. realizes the danger that a team always stands when pitted against a club that insists on the open running game, and that is just the sort of opposition that is lined against the northerners this afternoon.

Even with a lead of 11 points at half time in Edmonton last Saturday, Coach White was heard to remark, "Don't let up for an instant, fellows, that team isn't beaten yet. They're a tough club and anything might happen against them."

Likely to Happen

That is all quite true, and what may happen here this afternoon is that the 50th will knock over that indicator till punched ahead 13 marks in favor of the Eskos, to start off with. If the defensive formations adopted this week by the 50th can hold the Edmonton backs, then Calgary stands favorite to win the title.

"We'll neither split for the fake, nor give around for the plunges, but punch forward all the time," is the cry of the militia men going into today's engagement. Coach Priestly has drilled them strenuously, and the entire club lines up in prime form with a grim determination, and a fine courage to win.