Calgary Squad Is Confident that It Again Can Set Back Eskimo Threat — Ma nagement Expects Great Gridiron Crowd.

RITZ SANDSTROM'S band of home brews open the rugby football season here on Saturday afternoon when the Altomah-Tigers play hosts to the Edmonton Eskimos at Hillhurst Park. It has all the earmarks of being the greatest gridiron opener Calgary fans have seen for quite a few years, as never before have the two rival teams stepped onto the field with better-balanced squads.

Slated to start sharp at 3 o'clock, arrangements are being made to accommodate one of the largest crowds to see an opening skirmish. Following the close game at Edmonton last Saturday it will be the best fight for two points the pigskin chasing game has seen at Hillhurst.

For the last two years the Eskimos gave little opposition to the Calgary squad in winning the Alberta title, but the northerners have brought a smooth-working and steady squad into the Alberta Union this year. Edmonton is aiming at the Western Canada title and the igloo dwellers really have a team of championship calibre. It has some of the most powerful lines that Edmonton has boasted of since Deacon White had charge of the northerners. The ends are speedy and hard tackling, while the backfield would satisfy the dreams of most coaches.

Deprived of its stars of former years the Altomah-Tigers show

a well-drilled and steady fighting squad. Local youths who were not given any great chance in the last two years, are coming to the front and are filling the shoes of the MacKenzies, Seiberlings and Billings.

With the advantage of already having played a game at the capital, both teams will be giving Calgary fans a great interpretation of Canadian football.

Calgary is not relinquishing its hold on the Alberta football crown without a stubborn fight, and the championship hopes of the northerners may be blasted by the steady pulling power of the Sandstrom coached men.