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**Calgary preps for big game**

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Tomorrow's Grey Cup between the Calgary Stampeders and Montreal Alouettes is shaping up to be one of the biggest sporting events of the year as a new national survey found one-in-three Canadians plans to watch.

According to numbers released yesterday by Nanos Research, 40% of Canadians between 18 and 29 will tune in to the game, with western fans slightly outnumbering their eastern counterparts.

And with the Stamps looking to capture their sixth championship in franchise history, local bars and pubs are bracing for big crowds.

"People want to congregate when it comes to watching the home team because you're gonna want to high-five someone other than your roommate," said Riverbend Station Pub owner Bruce MacKenzie, adding reservations are recommended.

"I've got 255 seats and I've got 173 reservations already.

After a near full-house for last weekend's Western final, Melrose general manager Craig King said they are expecting an even bigger crowd tomorrow.

"The way it was last weekend, I honestly think we will be pretty busy," he said.



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