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NATIONAL FINALS CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Top: runner-up GLOUCESTER HIGH SCHOOL-(sitting)-James Dunlop, Vivek Kvishnamurthy, Jonathan Richardson & Ryan Mill -(standing)- Andrew Jeacle (coach), Man-Yee Sun, Robert Kane & Kelly Oka (coach)

Bottom: **National Champions** EARL HAIG COLLEGIATE-Tariq Muinuddin, Stephen Tu, Shelley Mercer (coach) Jonathan Ellenzweig & Joshua Arnold

THE ANNUAL SUMMARY

Paul Russell
Schoolreach Chair

The big news this year was television! The Nova Scotia Finals were televised as was the final Toronto League game, on CBC Newsworld's Ralph Benmergui Live! The National Finals were taped in Vancouver by Rogers Community Television, to be aired in September. If you would like to have these National Final programs aired locally, please ask your local community or cable channel

to contact Deborah Angrave at Rogers Community Television in Vancouver, and let them know of your interest. (See page 5 for details)

We hope that this media exposure of Reach For The Top's Schoolreach Subscription Program will increase incrementally across the country, giving our

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NOVA SCOTIA REPORT

*Elfriede Budgey
Nova Scotia Co-ordinator
Windsor Regional High School*

The 1997 Nova Scotia Provincial Finals were once again held in front of the television cameras of Windsor Cable, with Brian Lynch as a very calm and competent producer.

Hans Budgey and his Windsor Regional High School Reach team had prepared everything with great care and ingenuity and we had our smoothest playoffs ever. There was even a separate warm-up room with buzzer system and a VCR set-up for viewing last year's game which everybody seemed to enjoy.

At the provincial finals, for the 5th time, Hamilton Maguire acted as judge, and for the 10th time Hans Budgey was quizmaster.

The nearby "Subway" owner gave the champions a \$100 prize and provided everybody with 2-for-the-price-of-one food coupons.

Coles Bookstore in New Minas donated two Canadiana CDs for the two top scorers and MT&T will give the four winners access to Sympatico (which I do not understand, being a technophobe!)

Six regional finalists represented the four regional leagues when we met on April 20, 1996:

Game 1:	<u>Sackville High</u>	340
	Riverview High	310
Game 2:	<u>Horton District High</u>	360
	Memorial High	170
Game 3:	<u>Dartmouth High</u>	340
	Cobequid Educational Centre	240
Game 4:	<u>Horton District High</u>	550
	Riverview High	190
Game 5:	<u>Dartmouth High</u>	310
TB	Horton	300
Game 6:	<u>Prince Andrew High</u>	360
	Dartmouth High	270

Horton District High School is the Provincial Championship Team members are:

Robin Bates	Nancy Bishop
Mark Bouters	Brent Whitman

Playoffs MVP: Robin Bates

Coach: Mr. Jim Fetty

NEW BRUNSWICK REPORT

*Bill Hay
New Brunswick Co-ordinator
Oromocto High School*

There was great competition in the New Brunswick SCHOOLREACH League this past season. A different team was victorious in each of the four major tournaments during the year. Oromocto High and Southern Victoria won the fall tournaments on the Miramichi. And in Saint Andrews, Bathurst High hosted its first ever tournament in April and it was a great success. The Fredericton High team was the winner.

At the New Brunswick championship tournament at Fredericton High, James M. Hill defeated Oromocto in the final of a closely fought tournament. James M. Hill from Miramichi, represented New Brunswick for the first time at the Canadian Championship tournament in Vancouver.

Congratulations to coaches Carole Phalen and Lloyd Cameron and the James M. Hill team for a fine showing.

MANITOBA REPORT

*Bob Taylor
Manitoba Co-ordinator
Dakota C.I.*

At the provincials, a meeting was held with the regional winners to discuss a "revised" organization plan for Reach this fall as a result of my retirement as co-ordinator. It was decided that the various regional winners, namely Region A (Carberry), Region C (Shaftsbury), Region D (Miles Mac and Kelvin) and Region E (Pinawa and Joseph Wolinsky) would:

1. Serve as contacts for their region
2. Contact all other schools in their region to confirm their participation this fall as well as to contact new schools in their area re: joining Reach
3. Meet in September (rather than this June) to finalize the new system, to add new schools, and to decide if an overall coordinator should be appointed. (Note: This meeting in the fall would be open to all schools)



Manitoba Provincial Playoffs

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ALBERTA REPORT

Chris Zarski
 Bashaw High School
 Alberta Provincial Co-ordinator

Alberta's SCHOOLREACH teams had a wonderful year. There was some restructuring of leagues which saw some schools playing with new league partners. We had 8 leagues and four intramural schools for a total of 36 schools playing. The St. Albert league, newly formed, consisted primarily of schools new to SCHOOLREACH. It is our hope that an additional league in Fort Vermillion will join us next year. It seemed that coaches through the province reported tough competition through the league season. Many of our teams were *flying high* in scores!

A HUGE bouquet goes out to the staff, students and community of Ponoka Composite High School for hosting this year's provincial competition. There has been nothing but great comments from all who attended. The hospitality and excellent organization was much appreciated by all. This year's provincial competition supported 12 senior and 12 intermediate teams.

Our congratulations go out to the following winners in each division:

INTERMEDIATES

First - Lindsay Thurber
 Second - Hilltop High
 Third - Sir George
 Simpson

SENIORS

First - Leduc Composite
 Second - Lindsay Thurber
 Third - Pigeon Lake



We were proud to have Leduc Composite and Lindsay Thurber represent Alberta at Nationals this year. We are certain the memories and new-found friends they made at this prestigious event will be long-lasting.

Please note the address and phone for all Schoolreach- Reach For The Top business:

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BRITISH COLUMBIA REPORT

Alan Sanderson
 British Columbia Coordinator

The league is still pretty much confined to its Vancouver base of about eight schools. Hatzic Secondary, in the Fraser Valley, joined the league this year, but was unfortunately not able to make the provincial tournament in April. The Vancouver schools played each other at least once before Christmas and again before the provincial tournament. The tournament was held at Crofton House School

Crofton House and Saint George's claimed the title again with University Hill placing second. As there was an opening for two schools from B.C. at the Nationals held at Saint George's, both schools were able to participate. The intermediate zone finals were held at Saint George's and this time Crofton House was the winner. These games were played, using the stage and lighting/scoring system that would later be used at the Nationals. The winning schools in both categories received a trophy, now in its third year. Players on the winning senior team received individual shields.

It's our hope that the showing of the Nationals on Rogers Television in September will spark more interest in Schoolreach and result in more schools around the province participating next year.

ONTARIO REPORT

Paul Russell
 Schoolreach Chair

The Ontario Tournament took place at Jarvis Collegiate; the finals were held in the Debates Room at Hart House at the University of Toronto, May 10, 11 and 12, 1997.

Thanks again to teacher-coach Karen Schindler and her "Reach" students for opening their school to the Schoolreach invasion - the biggest ever - with 38 teams competing. Explorers and World War One soldiers looked down from George Reid's 1920's murals on about 260 staff and students as Eric

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Novakovics explained his Round-Robin and passed out information sheets explaining whom would play who in what room.

Richard Mageau returned from Ottawa to help us once again in keeping up-to-the-minute scores and Schoolreach alumnus Ravi Lall maintained his serene demeanour as the final appeal judge for all disputed questions and answers.

These games ran smoothly thanks to the efforts of

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ONTARIO PROVINCIAL RESULTS

Richard Mageau

The 1997 tournament was held in Toronto again, players and coaches residing at the Margaret Addison residence of the U. of T. playing the round-robin games at Jarvis Collegiate and the finals at Hart House.

With 38 teams involved, it was the largest tournament in recent history, if not all time. The draw arranged by Eric Novakovics divided the teams up into four groups, and, with a bit of finagling and crossovers, every team played 10 games. As the results started to come in, it became evident that this year's tournament was going to be one of the most fiercely contested in a number of years. No one team dominated the early going as teams seemed to be very well balanced. The determination of the final eight was not certain until the very last round. The 8 finalists were ranked by win-loss records, and in cases of ties, by total tournament points. The accompanying chart summarizes the round robin results.

The finals were played on Sunday and Monday, May 11-12, at beautiful Hart House, with these results:

Game #1	Gloucester (1)	700
	St. Pauls (8)	330
Game #2	O'Neil (4)	450
	Timmins (5)	350
Game #3	North Dundas (3)	380
	St. Michael's (6)	370
Game #4	Earl Haig (2)	480
	Vincent Massey (7)	440
Semi-Final #1	Gloucester (1)	590
	O'Neil (4)	350
Semi-Final #2	North Dundas (3)	400
	Earl Haig (2)	470
Final	Gloucester (1)	430
	Earl Haig (2)	440

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS - EARL HAIG

Certainly one of the most interesting tournaments of recent years, it produced great games and exciting finishes, and sent two worthy and closely matched teams to represent Ontario at the Nationals.

The organizers wish all Reach players and coaches a

satisfying end of the school year, the very best in all of their endeavours next year, and a speedy return to Reach for as many as possible!

May great packs be with you!

RESULTS OF THE ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT

Team	Won	Lost	Points	Rank
Kingston C.V.I.	8	2	3450	9
East Elgin	3	7	2680	28
College Ave.	2	8	2420	32
Glenview Park	5	5	2930	19
O'Neill C.V.I.	9	1	3760	4
Sir Winston Churchill	7	3	3170	11
General Vanier S.S.	0	10	1730	38
North Park	4	6	2750	26
Jarvis	5	5	2730	22

Team	Won	Lost	Points	Rank
Dennis Morris	0	10	1920	37
Leaside	6	6	3150	14
Pickering	2	8	2650	31
Gloucester	9	1	4260	1
North Dundas	9	1	3810	3
Westdale	5	5	3030	17
St. Ignatius	6	4	3750	12
Earl Haig	9	1	3860	2
Chatham-Kent	1	9	1980	35
Erindale	5	5	2960	18

Team	Won	Lost	Points	Rank
South Huron	2	8	2050	33
Martingrove	5	5	2850	20
Timmons	9	1	3600	5
Owen Sound	3	7	2550	29
Richmond Hill	1	9	2690	34
Vincent Massey	9	1	3470	7
Northern C.I.	6	4	3030	16
St. Paul's	8	2	3650	8
Welland Centennial	4	6	2700	27

Team	Won	Lost	Points	Rank
Lockerby Comp.	6	4	3070	15
Lorne Park	4	6	3190	24
St. Joseph's	4	6	2940	25
North Toronto	4	6	3640	23
Saunders	7	3	3360	10
St. Michael's	9	1	3550	6
Sir John A. MacDonald	0	10	2550	36
Waterloo C.I.	6	4	3220	13
St. Theresa	3	7	2450	30
Apleby	5	5	2790	21

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

*Eric Stewart
Host Co-ordinator
St. George's School
British Columbia*

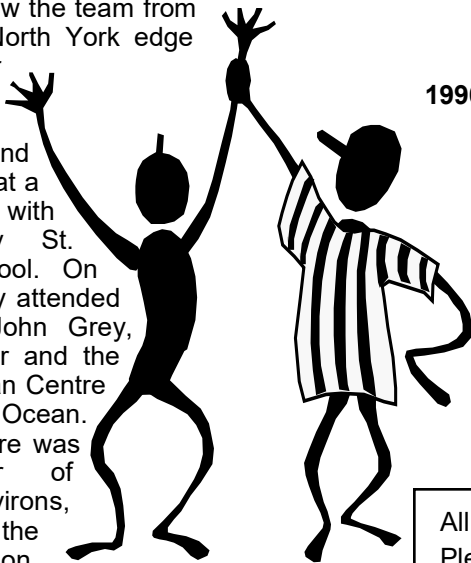
Game # 1	ON Gloucester (1)	400
	AB Lindsay Thurber (8)	160
Game # 2	BC University Hill (4)	350
	MA Carberry (5)	430
Game # 3	BC St. George's (3)	470
	NS Horton (6)	490
Game # 4	ON Earl Haig (2)	480
	MA Shaftsbury (7)	170
SEMI-FINAL #1	ON Gloucester (1)	430
	MA Carberry (5)	260
SEMI-FINAL #2	NS Horton (6)	380
	ON Earl Haig (2)	440
FINALS	ON Gloucester (1)	430
	ON Earl Haig (2)	470

REACH FOR THE TOP NATIONALS 1997

For the first time since 1988, B.C. hosted the Nationals of Reach For The Top; and St. George's School was the venue. Participants from teams representing Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and B.C. played over the Victoria Day long weekend. The latter four provinces were represented by two teams each and after a long day of preliminary rounds, seven teams were selected to play in the finals. With the technical support of the B.C. Tel Pioneers, a computer-assisted scoring and lighting system complemented a stage that was used for the event.

Rogers T.V. of Vancouver was there to tape the final seven games which saw the team from Earl Haig School in North York edge out the Gloucester team from the Ottawa area in the final game.

All participants and coaches were billeted at a U.B.C. residence with meals provided by St. George's Junior School. On Saturday evening, they attended a rock musical by John Grey, "The Tree, The Tower and the Flood", in the new Chan Centre overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The following day, there was a three-hour tour of Vancouver and the environs, including a walk over the Capilano Suspension Bridge. After the final game, there was another short trip to Queen Elizabeth Park to wind down in perfect weather conditions. That evening, a gala dinner and awards presentation was held in Maclean Hall on the St. George's senior campus. In addition, each team member received a name plate along with that of their province. All in all, everyone had a great time and new friendships were made as the country came together in competition and camaraderie.



1996/97 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS - EARL HAIG

We should stress again that it is Schoolreach policy to be flexible as to rules of play across the country. The minimal number of rules we will review have to do with play at the National Tournament, with which you should be aware as the season starts.

All teams that participated in the National Finals: Please send a photograph and a brief description of your school (location, # of students, achievements) to Deborah Angrave at Rogers Community TV for inclusion in the broadcasts scheduled for September.

Deborah Angrave

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NATIONAL QUARTER-FINALS

MANITOBA PLAYOFFS

Wednesday, April 30, 1997
Dakota Collegiate

Game # 1	Kelvin Joseph Wolinsky	420 460
Game # 2	Pinawa Miles Mac	480 350
Game # 3	Shaftsbury Winkler	400 180
Game # 4	Carberry Carman	380 350
Semi - Final # 1	Pinawa Shaftsbury	360 370
Semi - Final # 2	Joseph Wolinsky Carberry	280 340
Final	Shaftsbury Carberry	360 380

MANITOBA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS-CARBERRY

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top teams the exposure and attention that their counterparts in hockey or basketball might expect.

This was a successful year for the Schoolreach subscription program, with expansion particularly in Alberta and Ontario. While one or two leagues were wiped out, others almost doubled in size.

Our thanks again to the teacher-coaches in every province who field teams, arrange play-dates, ask questions, judge answers and generally make the Schoolreach tournament system work across our vast country.

Thanks also to the Provincial co-ordinators who organized and ran the Provincial Finals and produced uniformly strong teams to represent each province at the Nationals.

Congratulations to everyone involved in "Reach" for a year of successful games, and best wishes for a relaxing summer.

If you are **leaving** your school next fall or **changing SCHOOLREACH** coaches where you are, please let us know. (416) 534-8115

ONTARIO REPORT

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event co-ordinator Elaine Ryan and technical co-ordinator Daniel Hill, as well as the assistance of Tournament Schedule master Eric Novakovics and volunteers Karen Wilson, David Greene, and Hanna O'Connell. Special thanks to Greg Gormick, our music and recording specialist, who read the questions for the Quarter-Finals in the Debates Room at Hart House.

On Saturday evening all teams gathered in Burwash Hall at Victoria University (U. of T.) to celebrate the Eleventh Anniversary of the Schoolreach Ontario Finals. Jim Slotek, columnist with the Toronto Sun and a former "Reach" player, reminisced about "Reach" in his day and amused everyone with his thoughts on what kind of student is the typical "Reach" player.

There were books raffled off to lucky players, donated by Doubleday, Hushion House Publishing, McClelland & Stewart, Stoddart Publishing and Key Porter Books. The next day, more books from the same publishers were presented to the eight finalist teams.

Our thanks to these publishers. Books ranging from novels to Atlases to the pop culture of "Rock n' Roll Toronto" were enthusiastically received by the students.

LETTERS...

June 8, 1997

Dear Mr. Russell,

On behalf of the Saunders School Reach team, we would like to thank you and all of the volunteers who made this year's provincial competition so great. As always, it was your hard work, dedication, and awareness of student needs that made this year such a success. It is a real thrill to meet so many interesting people with so many exciting ideas. We really enjoyed meeting and challenging these people in the games.

Mr. Glenn Fisher
Saunders School Reach
London, Ontario

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