

THE REACH NEWS



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DIRECTORS' SUMMARY

The Schoolreach Subscription Programme saw further expansion this year, especially at the Intermediate level. Intermediate level Provincial Finals are now available across the country.

We appreciate Alberta co-ordinator **Chris Zarski's** enthusiastic support of the Reach Programme at all levels.

Chris Zarski's enthusiasm also helped to make the National Finals in Edmonton a tremendous success. This year we continued our relationship with CLT. The National Games were taped for **Canadian Learning Television**, a national cable broadcaster, at the **Access TV Studios** in Edmonton. The Alberta Provincials and the National Finals, 22 games in all, were taped at the end of May and broadcast during June. If CLT is not carried on cable in your community, contact your cable provider and advise them that the show is available to local cable stations from CLT. TV Ontario and the Knowledge Network will also broadcast these at a later date.

Our thanks 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 Trans-Canada Nationals.

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

Paul Russell and Robert Jeffrey
Directors, Reach For The Top Inc



Congratulations to the 2000-2001 Champions... Gloucester High School - Connor O'Neill, Chris Green, Eric Poulin, James Kufsky, Gihad Abunafeesa and coach Andrew Jeacle.

The continuing support of our sponsors, at the National level, is greatly appreciated. Our Cross-Canada "Reach" thanks to:



NOVA SCOTIA REPORT

By Hans Budgey,
Nova Scotia Provincial Co-ordinator

A successful 2000-2001 season for Reach For The Top/Schoolreach in Nova Scotia culminated in the two-day Provincial Finals, held this year in Truro, at Cobequid Educational Centre and the Cobetec gymnasium. On Saturday, May 5th, the non-televised round-robin tournament ended with Cobequid Educational Centre in first place overall. The round-robin standing were as follows:

Rank	Team	W	L	PF	PA	Diff.
1	Cobequid Educational Centre	6	1	2760	1810	+950
2	Halifax West High School	5	2	2470	2100	+370
3	Sydney Academy	4	3	2370	1930	+440
4	Horton High School	4	3	2300	2230	+70
5	Prince Andrew High School	3	4	2120	2130	-10
6	Glace Bay High School	3	4	2080	2190	-110
7	South Colchester High School	3	4	2060	2300	-240
8	Windsor Regional High School	0	7	1460	2930	-1470

On Sunday, May 6th, the television finals were taped at Eastlink Television, now in their 6th season of Reach For The Top. Using seeding results from Day 1 of the competition, the following playoffs took place:

Quarter Finals

1 Cobequid Ed. Centre	440
8 Windsor Regional	180
4 Horton H.S.	310
5 Prince Andrew H.S.	290
2 Halifax West H.S.	300
7 Three Oaks H.S. PEI	280
3 Sydney Academy	290
6 Glace Bay H.S.	310

Semifinals

Cobequid Ed. Centre	280
Horton H.S.	380
Halifax West H.S.	260
Glace Bay H.S.	270

Finals

Horton H.S.	270
Glace Bay H.S.	240

Congratulations to Horton High School: Jason Matthews, Matt Howatt, Jenny Trites, Jane Sponagle, Gene Mercer. Coach: Barry Leslie

Thanks to all the co-ordinators, coaches, volunteers and sponsors who made this year of Reach a great success in Nova Scotia.

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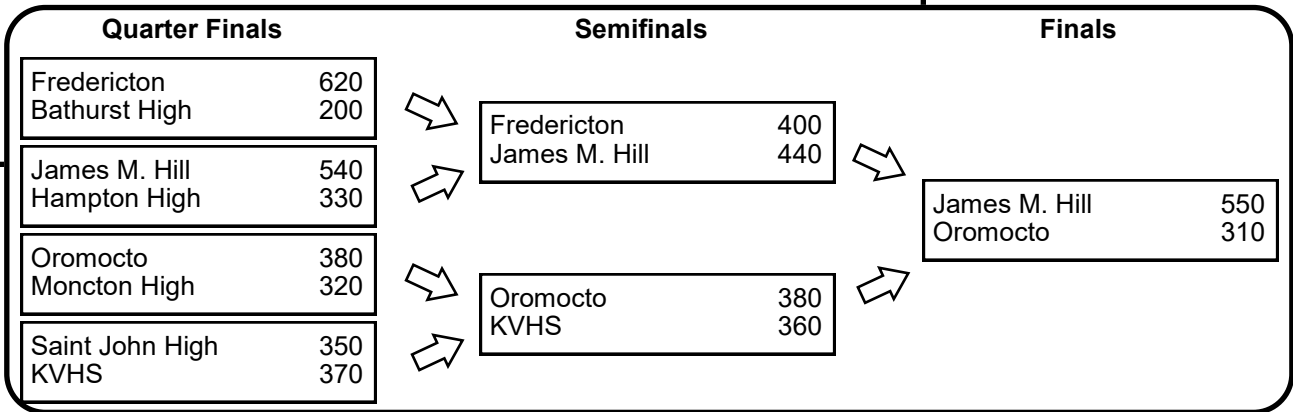
NEW BRUNSWICK REPORT

By Bill Hay,
New Brunswick Provincial Co-ordinator

A number of positive things have taken place concerning Reach For The Top in New Brunswick for 2000-2001. The Reach For The Top Advisory Committee, with release time arranged by the NB Department of Education, met for three separate full-day sessions in November, January, and April. The committee was brought together by Provincial Co-ordinator of Student Activities, Diane Gillett, to set up guidelines for the operation of Reach For The Top in New Brunswick. Members of the Committee are Sean Newlands (Nackawic High), Jonathan Logan (Sir James Dunn), Lloyd Cameron (James M. Hill), and chair Bill Hay (Oromocto High). Mary Savoie (Saint John High) will join the group next year.

- Progress was made during these meetings in a number of areas, including the following:
- The purchase of buzzer systems (Department of Education fund to assist purchase of buzzers continued-over 20 systems purchased)
 - Tournament format
 - Guidelines for schools and players
 - Purchase of certificates and medals with logos
 - Protocol for quizmasters, video for new readers
 - Publicity for Reach For The Top
 - Tournament schedule for 2001-2002

The Advisory Committee has also been working to increase the number of schools playing "Reach". Several were added this past year, and others are planning to join next year. Over the past school year, five major tournaments were held in different parts of the province – and one was cancelled at Hampton High after storms on consecutive weekends in March. Sir James Dunn in St. Andrews and James M. Hill on the Miramichi hosted in the fall, Nackawic High in February and Fredericton High and Oromocto High in April. James M. Hill teams won four of the tournaments while Fredericton High, Saint John High, and Oromocto High were other highly competitive teams. Sixteen teams played in the Oromocto Provincial Championship Tournament on April 28, 2001. After two very close semi-final games, James M. Hill defeated Oromocto High in the Final. The other semi-final teams were Fredericton and Kennebecasis Valley. Thank you to all coaches/advisors for the quality time contributed to the success of Schoolreach in New Brunswick for 2000-2001.



NEW BRUNSWICK TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE 2001-2002

October 27, 2001	Hampton High
November 17, 2001	Sir James Dunn
December 1, 2001	James M. Hill
February 9, 2002	Nackawic High
March 23, 2002	RCS Netherwood
April 6, 2002	Miramichi Valley High
April 27, 2002	Oromocto High

Congratulations to the Champion **James M. Hill** team members are **Shawn Gallimore, Sailesh Pershad, Jeff Hoeksma, Matthew Dinan, Joe Richard, and Deidre Kelly**. The coaches/advisors are **Lloyd Cameron and Peggy Kirkpatrick**.

QUEBEC REPORT

By *Ivan Gumbos*
Quebec Provincial Co-ordinator

QUEBEC RENAISSANCE

After the 16 year absence, "Reach For The Top" returned to the Québec scene this year.

In September and October of 2000, several Montréal-region high schools, as well as 5 local English CEGEPS (Community Colleges) were invited to participate. Of these, 2 high schools (Loyola High and Pierrefonds Comprehensive) and 2 CEGEPS (Dawson College and John Abbott College) decided to join in the game.

Pierrefonds Comprehensive stayed at the Intermediate level for now, but Loyola, Abbot and Dawson competed at the Senior level. Inter-school games among the latter 3 were hosted by Dawson College, home base for Québec "Reach" Co-ordinator Ivan Gumbos. Player enthusiasm was evident from the start and by the day of the final tournament (April 36, 2001), the Dawson boardroom was packed with friends and parents and many interested observers. All the teams demonstrated a wide range of knowledge and quick recall, but **Loyola High** emerged as the Provincial Champions.

The word of the return of "Reach" is spreading quickly in "La Belle Province", and Ivan Gumbos sees the formation of 2 or more leagues in 2001/2002 as a realistic goal.

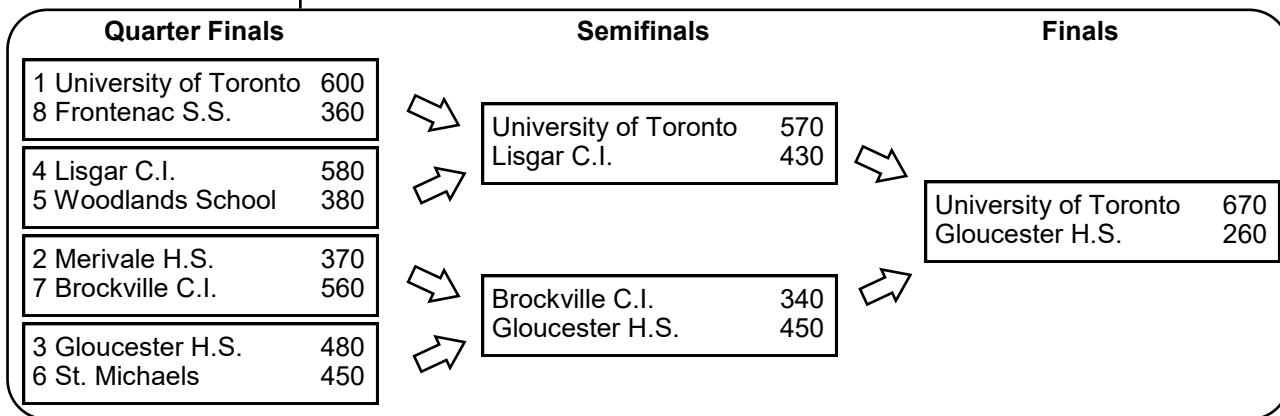
"We are back and ready to play!" summarizes the high enthusiasm of the players, coaches, and judges who took part this year. Everyone looks forward to the Edmonton Finals and is eager to be a part of Year 2 of Québec's rebirth of "Reach For The Top".

ONTARIO REPORT

By *Paul Russell*
Director—Reach For The Top

This year, **Neil Payne** and his team from **Kingston Collegiate and Vocational Institute** again offered to host the Provincial Finals. The teams arrived by car and train to register on Saturday May 12th at the Victoria Hall residence on the lakeside campus of Queen's University. After several tournament games at K.C.V.I. that afternoon, everyone celebrated with a banquet at Leonard Hall. The tournament games continued the next day at K.C.V.I., and the Quarter, Semi and Final games were played at the Agnes Etherington Art Centre on the Queen's Campus.

The Reach organization would like to thank the K.C.V.I. coach Neil Payne, and the school's principal, **Sandi Cond**, for their enthusiastic endorsement of Schoolreach, and the volunteers who read and judged questions, particularly, **Ron Gilbertson**, **Richard Koo** and **Alan McLaughlin**. **Eric Novakovics** and **Richard Mageau**, maintained reliable score totals as the games rolled along, and **Daniel Hill**, with **Neil Payne**, co-ordinated the three-day event.



ONTARIO PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT
results are available on our website at:
www.reachforthetop.com

Congratulations to **University of Toronto Schools**: **Luke Stark**, **Marc Lizoain**, **John Mackay**, **Stephen Shapiro**, **Carl Shulman**, **Chris Raghavan**, **Qinghua Wang** and (Coach) **Larry Rice**.

MANITOBA REPORT

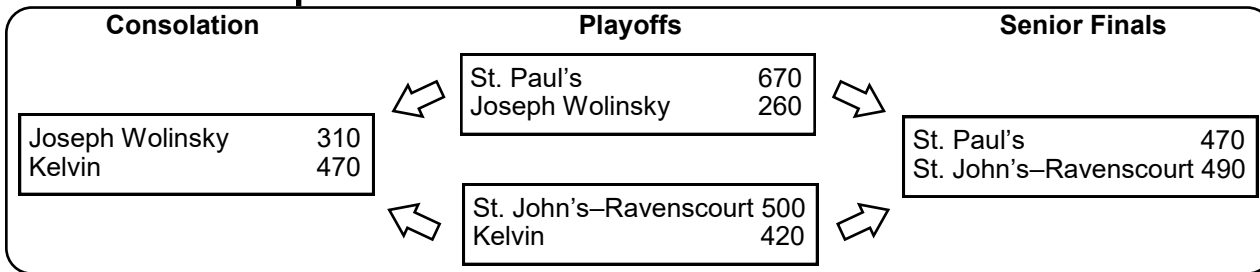
By Murray Karlicki,
Manitoba Provincial Co-ordinator

Manitoba saw an increase in teams with a total of 29 schools competing in the senior and intermediate level. New teams from St. John's – Ravenscourt, St. Paul's Collegiate and West Kildonan Collegiate, along with Arthur Meighen returning, were welcomed into the league.

This year's senior provincials were hosted by Frank Kores and St. John's – Ravenscourt School. Round Robin results are as follows:

Pool A				
Rank	Team	W	L	Points
1	St. Paul's	3	0	1650
7	Kelvin	2	1	1330
3	Carberry	1	2	1000
5	Rosenort	0	3	690

Pool B				
Rank	Team	W	L	Points
2	St. John's-Ravenscourt	3	0	1590
4	Joseph Wolinsky	2	1	1460
6	Dauphin	1	2	1130
8	Carman	0	3	620



Congratulations to **St. John's—Ravenscourt** team members: **Rowan Sorin, Robert Ripley, Karlie Shorrock, Elliot Tapper & Derek Mulder.** Coach: **Frank Kores**

The Intermediate playoffs were hosted by Kay Condra and Balmoral Hall School, and the Round Robin results were as follows:

Rank	Team	W	L	Points
1	Balmoral Hall	3	0	950
2	Pinawa	2	1	940
3	Roseau Valley	1	2	770
4	Kelvin	0	3	790

Intermediate Finals	
Balmoral Hall	360
Pinawa	180

Congratulations to the winning teams. Thanks to everyone who made this year a success. Special thanks to those schools who hosted tournaments this year in Manitoba.

REMEMBER: WE BUY QUESTIONS!

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ALBERTA REPORT

By Chris Zarski,
Alberta Provincial Co-ordinator

Congratulations to all our teams and their coordinators! Alberta had an exciting year playing Schoolreach with new teams being added to many of our leagues. It was also a first for Alberta to host a junior level final competition. Many thanks go out to Pat Hansen and Grace Fix at William G. Hay in Stettler for hosting the Junior and Intermediate Provincial Finals. It was an exciting two days with a dance in the evening and a luncheon banquet the second day.

At the Senior level, Gerard Redmond School hosted and worked with ACCESS TV to have all the Senior Provincial games taped. We were very impressed with the calibre of competition and ever grateful for the hospitality and great working relationships with ACCESS TV crew. A list of the teams competing at each level and the top 4 teams are listed below:

Congratulations to **Lindsay Thurber-Comprehensive High School** team members: **Adam Litun, Jenn West, Peter Sawyer, Tyler Parrington, & Adam Blake**. Coach: **Barry Litun**.

Junior Level (GR 7/8)	
Rank	Team
	Calmar School
1	Elnora
	Gerard Redmond
4	Stettler Middle School
3	Vanier-Edson
2	W.D.Cutts-St. Albert

Intermediate Level (GR 9/10)	
Rank	Team
2	Calmar
3	Elnora
	Gerard Redmond-Hinton
	Lindsay-Thurber
	Notre-Dame-Red Deer
	Oroway
	Ponoka
4	Strathmore-Drumhill
1	Wetaskiwin
	Wm. E. Hay-Stettler
	Youngstown

Senior Level (GR 11-12)	
Rank	Team
4	Bert Church
	Fox Creek
	G. P. Vanier
	Gerard Redmond
	Leduc Composite
1	Lindsay Thurber-Red Deer
3	Ponoka
2	2-Vanier-Edson
	W.E. Hay Stettler
	Youngstown

BRITISH COLUMBIA REPORT

By Eric Stewart,
British Columbia Provincial Co-ordinator

This year saw a total of twenty teams from the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island participate in three zones: Vancouver, Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows and Richmond. The Intermediate and Senior tournaments were held in different venues this year, namely, McMath Secondary in Richmond and Maple Ridge Secondary in Maple Ridge.

The Intermediate tournament, under the leadership of Sandra Loren, was held in March and the trophy/gold medallions went once again to St. George's School, marking their fourth consecutive championship. The silver medallions went to the Maple Ridge team, with the bronze medallions going to Cambie Secondary. This was the first time that the stage, with its computer generated lighting and scoring system, was used and the individual team members will be able to keep their name plates for future tournaments.

The Senior tournament, under the leadership of June Lane, was held in April and the trophy/gold medal went also to St. George's in a game which was determined on the last question. Maple Ridge Secondary and Cambie Secondary finished with silver and bronze medallions, repeating their performances at the Intermediate level.

Next year, we look forward to more schools getting involved in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island. My sincere thanks to all of the coaches and teams for their efforts to make this an enjoyable experience for all involved.

Congratulations to **St. George's School** team members: **Alnawaz Jiwa, Aaron Hodgson, Adam Goldenberg, Daniel Morris, Jonathon Wiess, Jonathan Wong, Fred Sheppard, and Nicholas Wu**. Coach: **Eric Stewart**

NATIONAL FINALS REPORT

By Chris Zarski, National Finals Host & Alberta Provincial Co-ordinator

Another exciting National Competition was held in Edmonton, Alberta as 10 teams from across Canada met to compete in another challenge of the minds.

Again, Access – TV/Canadian Learning Channel stepped up and did an awesome job of organizing and producing the championship games. This years quizmaster, Daniel Richler, was great and his humor and talent greatly appreciated. Below is a summary of the flight competitions.

Flight One

UTS (ON)	260
Horton H. S. (NS)	160
St. Pauls (MB)	350
James M. Hill (NB)	250
St. Johns Ravenscourt (MB)	370
Loyola H.S. (QC)	200
St. Georges School (BC)	190
Lindsay Thurber (AB)	180
Gloucester H.S. (ON)	170
Vanier C. S. (AB)	130

Flight Two

UTS (ON)	340
James M Hill (NB)	180
St. Pauls (MB)	220
St. Georges School (BC)	230
Gloucester (ON)	240
St. Johns Ravenscourt (MB)	160

Flight Three

UTS (ON)	320
St. Pauls (MB)	160
Gloucester (ON)	W
St. Georges School (BC)	L

National Final

UTS (ON)	310
Gloucester (ON)	360

Final Placements

- 1 – Gloucester H.S. (Ontario)
- 2 – University of Toronto Schools (Ontario)
- 3 – St. Georges School (British Columbia)
- 4 – St. Pauls (Manitoba)
- 5 – James M. Hill H.S. (New Brunswick)
- 6 – St. Johns Ravenscourt (Manitoba)
- 7 – Loyola H.S. (Quebec)
- 8 – Lindsay Thurber H.S. (Alberta)
- 9 – Horton H.S. (Nova Scotia)
- 10 – Vanier C.C.S. (Alberta)

Congratulations to the Champion **Gloucester High School** team members: **Connor O'Neill, Chris Green, Eric Poulin, James Kufsky** and **Gihad Abunafeesa**. The coach/advisor is **Andrew Jeacle**.

Canadian Learning Television, Access Television and TVOntario SCHEDULES AND AIRDATES OF THE GAMES PLAYED IN ALBERTA TAPED AT THE CLT STUDIOS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.reachforthetop.com



Quizmaster Daniel Richler

BULLETIN BOARD

Excerpt from the National Post—May 19, 2001—Editorial

Reach for the tube

Ten-point scramble question: In what long-running Canadian television game show did two teams of high school students test their trivia skills in front of a studio audience? Too easy, right? Everybody over 30 remembers watching Reach for the Top on television. In its heyday, 600 Canadian schools had Reach teams, and their battles were carried by television stations in all 10 provinces.

What not many people know is that Reach is still around. Unfortunately, in the absence of TV coverage, it has fallen into obscurity...

Why have we let this happen? As Regis Philbin has proved, trivia contests are a major-league draw on TV. And the drama of Reach for the Top outstrips that of Who Wants to be a Millionaire any day. On Reach, there is no humming and hawing and idiotic "so-do-you-feel-nervous?" banter (and, thank God, no relationship seat). Since contestants are allowed to buzz their intent to answer a question before it is completely asked, the action is fast and furious. The show also has a celebrity pedigree. For another 10 points: What well-known U.S. game-show host was Reach quiz-master from 1969 to 1973? Answer: Alex Trebek.



Provincial Winners of Reach for the Top -from James M Hill in Miramichi City. Back row L to R Lloyd Cameron, Jeff Hoodkins, Joe Richard, and Sateesh Panshad. Front Row L to R Peggy Kirkpatrick, Dierdra Kelly, Shawn Gallimore, and Matthew Dinan.



Lindsay Thurber team: back; Peter Sawyer and Barry Litun. Front: Adam Litun, Jen West, Tyler Parrington and James Storrie.

Lindsay Thurber reaches for top

Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School students are on top of the province again.

The Red Deer school won its fifth provincial School Reach championship Thursday and advances to the national finals.

The senior team of Adam Litun, Tyler Parrington, Peter Sawyer, James Storrie and

Jenn West dominated their opponents at the provincial championships this week in Edmonton.

The national title kicked off today and runs through Tuesday in at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

Lindsay Thurber breezed through its qualification games and then defeated William E. Hay

High School of Stettler in the playoffs.

School Reach is a competition that originated from the Reach For the Top television series on CBC in the 1960s and 1970s.

The finals are being taped by The Learning Channel and Access TV and will be shown later this summer.

National Post—May 23, 2001—Letters

Pop quiz

Re: Reach for the Tube, May 19. You lament that the classic Canadian quiz, Reach for the Top, has fallen into obscurity "in the absence of TV coverage." As the host of this year's National Championship, I'm afraid I'll have to dock you 10 points, for it is on TV; in your own paper last year you reported the show's return on Canadian Learning Television. You are right to remark on the enfeeblement and cheesiness of quiz shows today, but simply using that as a stick to beat the CBC is off the mark. We're a private broadcaster, national too, but we've licensed the show to both Knowledge Network in B.C. and TVOntario in order to give Canada's smartest kids the widest possible exposure in today's fragmented TV market. We'll bring the gleam back to the old trophy yet.

Daniel Richler,
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