

THE REACH NEWS



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DIRECTORS' SUMMARY

In 2003-2004 we saw the British Columbia Provincial Finals (Knowledge Network) extended to a 20 game series, and the National Finals for the fifth season, were taped by Canadian Learning Television, once more in Toronto.

At the national level, the new question formats endured. The List Question joined the Relay, the Shoot-Out and Chain Snappers-so look for all of them this September in your in-school game packs.

Check our website during the coming year for updates from provincial co-ordinators on the play schedules in each province and air-dates of the Television programmes.

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 Nationals.

Our thanks also to the Editorial Board of "Reach" :

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

Richard Koo, Judit Svepfalvi, John Mackay, Pat Beecham and Erin McMullen, and also to the Reach National Tournament production team : Daniel Hill, Eric Novakovics, Ravi Lall, Pat Beecham, Erin McMullen, and Mark Montefiore.

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

2003-2004 TRANS-CANADA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to the 2003-2004 Champions



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NOVA SCOTIA REPORT

By Hans Budgey,
Nova Scotia Provincial Co-ordinator

A successful 2003-2004 season of Reach For The Top - SCHOOLREACH in Nova Scotia culminated in the two-day Provincial Finals, held this year in Truro, at Cobequid Educational Centre. On Saturday, April 24th, the non-televised round-robin tournament ended with Cobequid Educational Centre in first place overall. The round-robin standings were as follows:

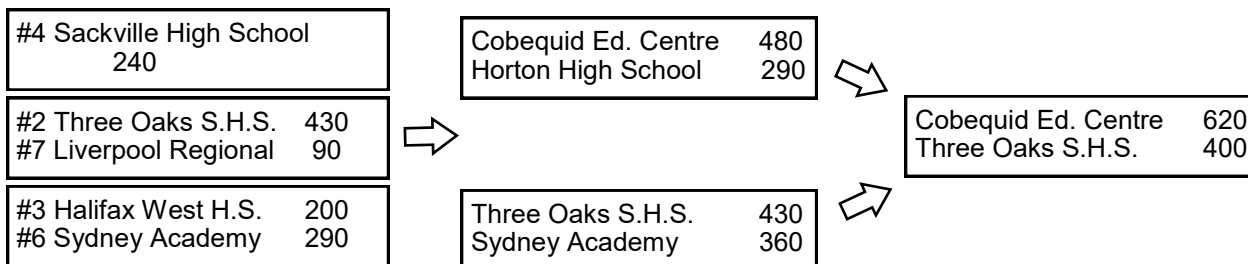
Rank	Team	W	L	PF	PA	Diff.
1	Cobequid Educational Centre	6	0	2640	1270	+1370
2	Three Oaks Senior High School	5	1	2150	1420	+720
3	Halifax West High School	4	2	2130	1390	+740
4	Sackville High School	2	4	1510	1910	-400
5	Horton High School	2	4	1540	2020	-480
6	Sydney Academy	2	4	1500	2180	-680
7	Liverpool Regional High School	0	6	1010	2290	-1280

On Sunday, April 25th, the finals were held; using the seeding from Day 1 of the competition, the following playoff schedule took place:

(Cobequid Educational Centre recieved a bye into the semi-finals by virtue of 1st place in the round robin)

Semifinals

Finals



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Congratulations to **Cobequid Educational Centre: Ryan Andrews, Charles Eyrich, Joey Fielding, Kelsey MacKenzie, James Mallov, & Ross Mallov**
Coaches: **Marion Retson and Jay Foster**

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

NEW BRUNSWICK REPORT

*By Bill Hay,
New Brunswick Provincial Co-ordinator*

This past school year has been another exciting one for Reach For The Top in New Brunswick. Six Reach tournaments were played throughout the province during the year. In the fall, we visited Sir James Dunn in St. Andrews, and James M. Hill on the Miramichi. In 2004, St. John High and Riverview High hosted tournaments in February and March, and Nackawic High and Oromocto High were the venues for April.

Teams from Fredericton High, Kennebecasis Valley High, and Riverview High were all Section A winners in at least one of these tournaments, and there was often great competition.

Ten Teams entered the championship draw at the Oromocto Tournament on April 24. After a four-game round robin in each of the two sections, four teams were set for the semi-final: Fredericton High, St. John High, Riverview, and Kennebecasis Valley. Kennebecasis Valley and Riverview met in the final with Kennebecasis Valley the victor. The Fredericton High 3 team won the "B" section with an exciting win over Tobique Valley, a new team for this year. Riverview High 2 and Fredericton High 2 were the other semi-final "B" teams.

Thank you to all the coaches/advisors, to tournament organizers, and to volunteer quiz people for the time you gave to the success of Reach For The Top in New Brunswick for 2003-2004.

With this report, I end my twelve year term as Reach For The Top co-ordinator for New Brunswick. I will retire from my teaching job at Oromocto High School in June. It has been a very enjoyable twenty-five year association with Reach For The Top. Thank you to Paul Russell and others at Schoolreach and to all the great students and teachers that I made contact with over the years. You have added a richness to my life.

Semifinals		Finals	
Kennebecasis	660	Kennebecasis 610 Riverview High 340	340
Fredericton	340		
Riverview High	460	Kennebecasis 610 Riverview High 340	340
Saint John High	410		

Congratulations to the Champion **Kennebecasis Valley High** team members are **Patrick Dunn, Sean Thompson, Charles Haché, Morgan Gagnon, and Vasant Kumar**. The coach/advisor is **Jason Thorne**. This was the first New Brunswick Reach For The Top Championship for KVHS. The school was also Smart Ask national winner last year.

QUEBEC REPORT

*By Ivan Gumbos
Quebec Provincial Co-ordinator*

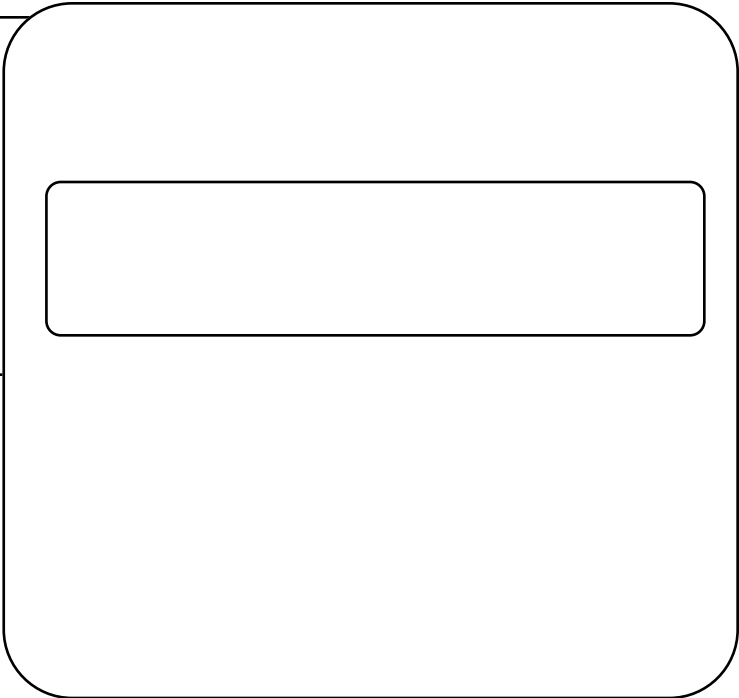
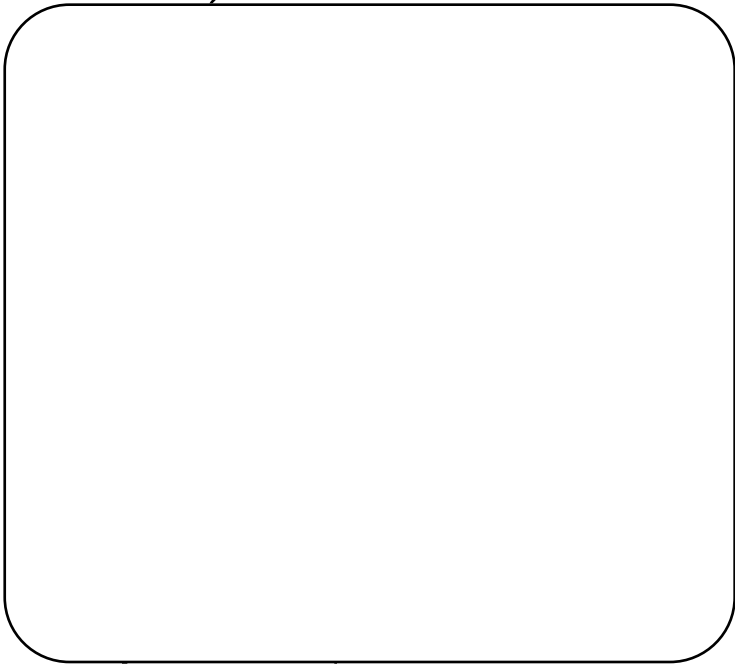
In this, our 4th year of Quebec's involvement in "Reach For The Top", 11 schools participated, divided into 3 leagues: 2 in central Montreal and 1 on the West Island. Our League Co-ordinators: Janet Wyman, Ron Patterson and Rob Cloney did an outstanding job organizing their respective leagues. In addition, for the first time, we acquired an Event Co-ordinator, Adam Reider, who assisted me in scheduling, overall organization, etc. and served most ably as liaison person for all our member schools.

Once again Dawson College emerged as the Quebec "Reach" Champion - 3rd year in a row-after some exciting matches involving the 4 schools which made it to the Provincial Finals. Marianopolis College came in second. Both the winning and the second-place teams were awarded prizes (gift certificates) thanks to the generous support of Dawson College.

Congratulations to the Champion **Dawson College Team: Marco Barone, Padraic Scanlan, Alex Jorgensen, Shamron Spence, Nicholas Smith, Jesse Neremberg, James Rossi** and team advisors: **Janet Wyman and Al Benghiat**.

ONTARIO REPORT

By Pat Beecham
 Judge, Ontario Provincial Finals



Finals Games 1—8

1 University of Toronto	660
14 Colonel By	150

2 St. Michaels	430
13 Woburn	320

3 Oakville-Trafalgar	340
12 Catholic Central	290

4 Leaside	510
11 Lakeport	260

5 Westmount	250
10 Sinclair	480

6 Lisgar	510
9 Vincent Massey	220

7 St. Thomas Aquinas	430
8 Waterloo	280

*2 top scoring losing teams play to determine wild card.

5 Westmount	440
13 Woburn	290



Finals Games 9-12 (Quarter Finals)

4 Leaside	410
10 Sinclair	360

1 University of Toronto	460
5 Westmount	280

3 Oakville-Trafalgar	370
6 Lisgar	300

2 St. Michael's	350
7 St. Thomas Aquinas	270

Finals Games 13-14 (Semi-Finals)

4 Leaside	400
1 University of Toronto	320

3 Oakville-Trafalgar	280
2 St. Michael's	350

Finals Game 15 (The Finals)

4 Leaside	320
2 St. Michael's	300

Congratulations to **Leaside High School** : Tyler Cruise, Darryl Metcalf, Tiberiu Moga, Dragana Rakic, Brian Rutherford and coaches David Hutchison and Rocky Yeung.

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 results are available on our website at:
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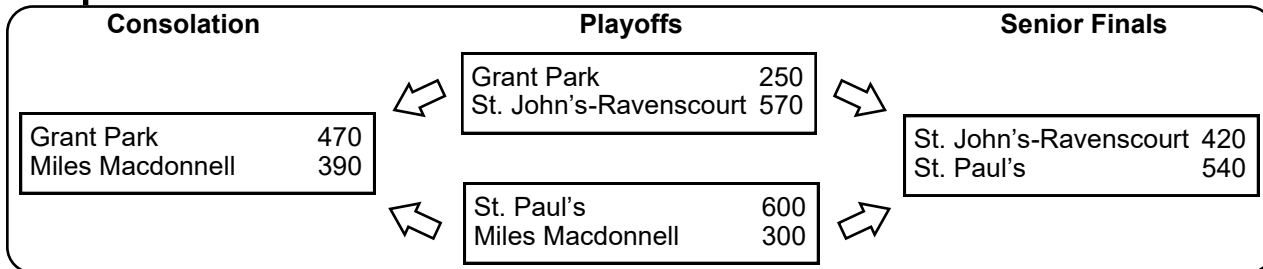
MANITOBA REPORT

By Murray Karlicki,
Manitoba Provincial Co-ordinator

Manitoba once again ran both Senior and Intermediate leagues. A new team from Dakota Collegiate was welcomed into the league this year after being away from competition for awhile. The veteran coaches might remember when Bob Taylor ran the league at Dakota. It was only fitting that coach Kirsty Dunlop and Dakota hosted this year's provincials. The results were as follows:

	Team	W	L	Points
1	St. John's-Ravenscourt	3	0	1770
3	Portage	0	3	960
5	Roseau Valley	1	2	900
7	Miles Macdonnell	2	1	1050

	Team	W	L	Points
2	St. Paul's	3	0	1770
4	Dakota	1	2	930
6	Carberry	0	3	630
8	Grant Park	2	1	1100



Congratulations to the team from **St. John's-Ravenscourt** for winning the Senior division. St. John's-Ravenscourt team members are **Lee Haber, Adam Prokopanko, Kristofer Bergmann, Mathew Grabau, Tyler Kelsch**, and their coach **John Pundyk**

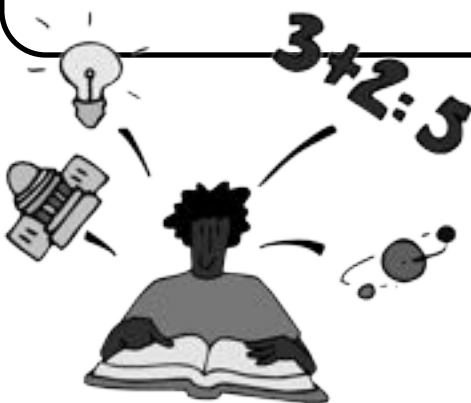
The Intermediate playoffs were hosted by Frank Kores and St. John's-Ravenscourt.

Rank	Team	W	L	Points
1	Kelvin	4	1	1820
2	St. John's Ravenscourt	4	1	1690
3	Joseph Wolinsky	4	1	1670
4	Dauphin	2	3	1270
5	Shevchenko	1	4	1320
6	Garden Valley	0	5	820

St. John's Ravenscourt	310
Kelvin	280

Congratulations to the Intermediate league winners from **St. John's Ravenscourt** : **Dana Sidebottom, Hun Tae Kim, Steven Kryger, Kiran Mysore, Elliot Lipnowski, Veena Agrawal, Alec Watson, and Liam Edginton-Green**, and their coach **Frank Kores**.

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



ALBERTA REPORT

By Chris Zarski,
Alberta Provincial Co-ordinator

The 2003 - 2004 Reach For The Top year was an exciting one for Alberta. Although we did not have a lot of new schools playing, many schools who had not advanced to provincial competition before made it this year and what an exciting provincial final it was!

Junior Level

The Junior Provincials were held with the Intermediate provincials in Red Deer co-hosted by Lindsay Thurber and Notre Dame High Schools. Angela Bell and Neil Kirkwood hosted a delightful event which saw 11 Intermediate teams and 8 Junior teams participate.

At the Junior level, schools were represented by teams from St. Albert, Jasper, Hinton, Calmar, Whitecourt, Elnora, Berry Creek and Ponoka. In a final game that was decided by one question, Hinton's Gerard Redmond Catholic School defeated Jasper Secondary 300 - 290! What an exciting final. The Junior division was one of the closest in years. Many of the games played were decided in tie breakers or a mere 40 points separated the winning school from the lowest school! Congratulations to Calmar who captured the Spirit Trophy for being the most sportsman-like team!

Intermediate Division

This year our Intermediate teams in the province grew in number and we saw a larger representation at provincials. Teams present were from Airdrie, Jasper, Stettler, Youngstown, Red Deer, Calgary, Whitecourt, Calmar, St. Albert, and Ponoka. It was William E. Hay from Stettler that took on Hilltop High from Whitecourt in the finals with Stettler defeating Whitecourt 360 to 240. The games in the Intermediate division were also very close in their scores proving that the competition was fairly even, making it very exciting! Congratulations to Calmar again for bringing home the Spirit trophy in the Intermediate Division.

Calmar will host the Junior and Intermediate Finals in 2005!

Senior Division

The Senior Finals were held in Edmonton with Gerard Redmond acting as the host and organizing team. The seeding tournament was held on the evening on May 5 at Harry Ainlay High School. Thanks to Andre Hellstrung for the assistance! The finals were held over two days at Access Learning Station and what a competition it was! There were a lot of close games but the interesting part was that the team who entered through a wildcard position was the one who walked out #1!!! Wetaskiwin Composite defeated Lindsay Thurber from Red Deer 290 - 260. Red Deer made a valiant effort to come back but just ran out of time. Congratulations to both teams for advancing and representing Alberta at the National Competition!

Final Standings**Junior Division**

1. Gerard Redmond
2. Jasper
3. Calmar
4. St. Augustine
5. Elnora
6. Percy Baxter
7. W.D. Cutts
8. Berry Creek

Intermediate Division

1. William E. Hay
2. Hilltop High
3. Calmar
4. Lindsay Thurber
5. Bert Church
6. St. Augustine
7. W. D. Cutts
8. Rundle College
9. Youngstown
10. Jasper
11. Notre Dame

Senior Division

1. Wetaskiwin
2. Lindsay Thurber
3. Hilltop High
4. Bert Church
5. Calmar
6. Rundle College
7. Paul Kane
8. Wm. E. Hay
9. Harry Ainlay
10. Gerard Redmond
11. Jasper
12. J. C. Charyk

BRITISH COLUMBIA REPORT

By Eric Stewart,
British Columbia Provincial Co-ordinator

This past school year saw an increase in the number of schools playing, now at 24, as well as expansion into the Interior of the province with the addition of Kamloops.

The Junior Tournament attracted 19 schools in March with the winner being Transition School of Vancouver, followed by Burnaby North and St. George's, also of Vancouver. The evening was highlighted with a formal dinner at St. George's and the distribution of gold, silver and bronze medals, as well as the Junior trophy.

In the Senior category, we were fortunate again to have Knowledge Network tape the Provincial finals which featured 19 schools.

The winner of the tournament was once again, St. George's, followed by Transition School and McRoberts Secondary from Richmond. The Senior trophy and medals to the top three schools were handed out on April 23 in the studios. St. George's later went on to the Nationals, winning for the first time since 1991. Next year promises to see even more interest as schools watch the taped games this spring and summer on Knowledge Network. My thanks to all of the coaches and students who made this year the most successful year of competition in BC.

Congratulations to **St. George's School** team members: **Se Young Ahn, Josh Chan, Alex Darling, Adam Goldenberg, Brandon Green, Stephen Hsia, Shazan Jiwa, Mike Paulus** and coaches **Eric Stewart** and **Bruce Wilson**.

By Pat Beecham,
National Finals Judge

NATIONAL FINALS REPORT

This was how the teams were seeded and ranked after the round robin tournament:

1. Leaside —Ontario
2. St. George's School—BC
3. Kennebecasis Valley H.S.—NB
4. St. Michael's College—ON
5. Cobequid Educational Centre—NS
6. St. Paul's High School—Manitoba
7. St. John's Ravenscourt—Manitoba
8. Dawson College—QC
9. Three Oaks Senior High School—PEI
10. Lindsay Thurber— AB

Congratulations to **St. George's School** team from B.C.: **Se Young Ahn, Josh Chan, Alex Darling, Adam Goldenberg, Brandon Green, Stephen Hsia, Shazan Jiwa, Mike Paulus** and coaches **Eric Stewart** and **Bruce Wilson**.

Finals Games 1-5

Leaside	320
Lindsay Thurber	130
St. George's School	560
Three Oaks	270
Kennebecasis Valley	540
Dawson College	300
St. Michael's College	510
St. John's Ravenscourt	250
Cobequid Educational Center	360
St. Paul's	320

*Highest Scoring Losing Team is placed as Wild Card in Quarter Finals.

Finals Games 6-8 (Quarters)

St. George's School	660
Cobequid Educational Center	340
Leaside	460
St. Paul's *(Wild Card)	380
Kennebecasis Valley	260
St. Michael's College	440

*Highest Scoring Losing Team is placed as Wild Card in Semi-Finals.

Finals Games 9-10 (Semis)

Leaside	550
St. Paul's *(Wild Card)	360
St. George's School	580
St. Michael's College	360

Finals Game 11 (THE FINAL)

Leaside	410
St. George's School	610

IN THE NEWS

NATIONAL FINALS from Toronto, Ontario
(below) Second place—Dawson College Team from Quebec
(right) Behind the scenes at the Nationals



ONTARIO PROVINCIAL FINALS from Toronto
(left) Second place—Leaside High School Team
(below) The Ontario Provincial Final!



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