



# REACH NEWS



## DIRECTORS' SUMMARY

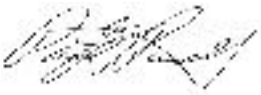
In 2004-2005 we saw the British Columbia Provincial Finals (Knowledge Network) play to a 20-game series, and the National Finals for the sixth season were taped by Canadian Learning Television this year in Edmonton.

At the national level, the List Question, the Relay, the Shoot-Out and Chain Snappers, are established in our format, 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 on **CLT, TVO, Access Television** and the **Knowledge Network** at [www.reachforthetop.com](http://www.reachforthetop.com).

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 which all sent strong teams to represent each province at the Nationals, and to the Editorial Board of "Reach" : Ravi Lall, 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**  
Director, Reach For The Top

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



## 2004-2005 TRANS-CANADA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2004-2005 CHAMPIONS, FROM TRURO, NOVA SCOTIA, COBEQUID EDUCATIONAL CENTRE**

### Inside this issue:

Nova Scotia Report	2
New Brunswick Report	3
Quebec Report	3
Ontario Report	4
Manitoba Report	5
Alberta Report	6
British Columbia Report	7
National Finals Report	7-8

# NOVA SCOTIA REPORT

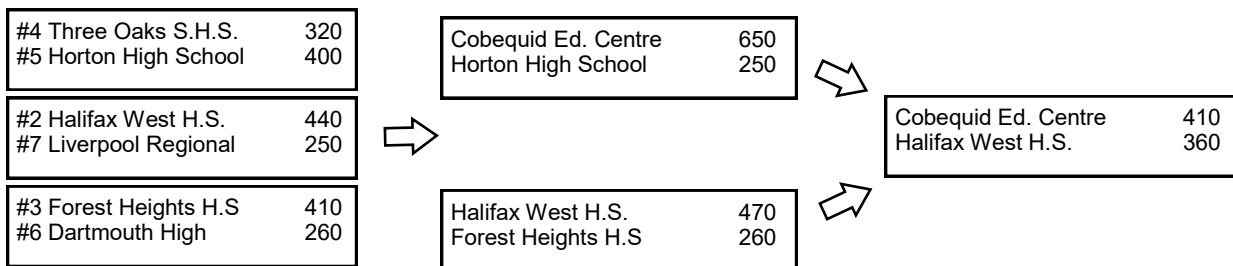
By Hans Budgey,  
Nova Scotia Provincial Co-ordinator

A successful 2004-2005 season of Reach For The Top - SCHOOLREACH in Nova Scotia culminated in the two-day Provincial Finals, held this year in Bible Hill, at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College Haley Institute. On Saturday, April 23rd, the preliminary round-robin tournament ended with Cobequid Educational Centre in the first place overall. The round-robin standings were as follows:

Rank	Team	W	L	PF	PA	Diff.
1	Cobequid Educational Centre	6	0	2860	740	+2120
2	Halifax West High School	5	1	1790	1580	+210
3	Forest Heights Senior High	3	3	1500	1620	-120
4	Three Oaks Senior High School	3	3	1180	1450	-270
5	Horton High School	3	3	1270	1580	-310
6	Dartmouth High	1	5	1160	1950	-790
7	Liverpool Regional High School	0	6	1110	1960	-850

On Sunday, April 24th, the finals were held; using the seeding from Day 1 of the competition, the following playoff schedule took place:

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



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

460 Palmerston Blvd.  
Toronto, Ontario  
M6G 2P1  
416-534-8115 (tel.)  
416-535-7651 (fax.)

Congratulations to the **Cobequid Educational Centre** team members:  
**Ryan Andrews, Charles Eyrich, Joey Fielding, Kelsey MacKenzie, James Mallov, & Ross Mallov.**  
Coach: **Nicole Hart.**

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 Sean Newlands and Jonathan Logan,  
*New Brunswick Provincial Co-ordinators*

The past year was a challenging one for New Brunswick Reach for the Top students and advisors. The 2004-2005 Reach for the Top season had an exciting beginning with an invitational tournament held in St. Andrews on November 20<sup>th</sup> with 28 teams competing in two divisions. Kennebecasis Valley High #1 beat Fredericton High #1 in the "A" final and FHS #2 beat KVHS #3 in the "B" Final. The next invitational tournament was held at Saint John High on February 19<sup>th</sup> with 30 teams competing. KVHS #1 defeated FHS #1 again in the "A" Final and KVHS #2 beat Nackawic High #2 in the "B" Final. The third invitational tournament was held at Nackawic High on April 9<sup>th</sup> with 23 teams competing. Again KVHS beat FHS in the "A" Final. The "B" Final was won by newcomer St. Stephen High over Oromocto High. Congratulations to all the tournament winners and participants as we were all winners, coming home with more knowledge than when we arrived.

Unfortunately due to the negotiations process with the New Brunswick Government the teachers had undertaken job action and voluntary services were withdrawn at the time of the Provincial Tournament. As a result the Provincial Championship Tournament had to be cancelled. New Brunswick was unable to fairly select a provincial champion and did not compete in the National Tournament.

Students and advisors are all looking forward to an exciting full season of Reach for the Top in New Brunswick next year. Have a wonderful summer vacation. Talk to you in the fall.

Thank you to all the coaches/advisors, tournament organizers, volunteer quiz masters and the many others for the time you gave to the success of Reach for the Top in New Brunswick during the 2004-2005 school year.

# QUEBEC REPORT

By Ivan Gombos  
*Quebec Provincial Co-ordinator*

The 9 Quebec schools were divided into 2 Leagues: one comprising the 4 colleges, and the other, the 5 high schools. The League Co-Ordinators are to be commended for their patience and organizational skills which were really needed during a turbulent year of labour unrest in our province.

The 4 top teams—2 from each League—which met in the Provincial Finals were very evenly matched. Indeed, for the first time in the 5-year history of "Reach" in Quebec—two tie-breaking rounds were required to determine the semi-finalist winner. In the end, Marianopolis College prevailed, becoming Provincial Champions by defeating Bishop's College School by 50 points. Movie passes and Chapter's Gift Certificates were awarded to the 1st and 2nd place finishers at the end of a very exciting evening of extremely close contests. If the trend continues, we are looking forward to a great year of "Reach" competition in Quebec next year.



Congratulations to the Champion  
**Marianopolis** team members:  
**Patrick Samborsky, David Krystal,**  
**Johnathan Oliel-Coull, Matthew Pesh, &**  
**Gilad Ben-Shachand**  
Coach: **Dr. Jeffrey Freeman.**

# ONTARIO REPORT

By Pat Beecham  
Judge, Ontario Provincial Finals

The Ontario Championships were held from May 14-16 at Pope John Paul II Secondary School in Scarborough, ON., and at Studioasis Production Facilities, also in Scarborough. 40 teams competed in the round robin to determine the top 10 teams that would make it to the TV round.

Teams stayed at Scarborough College, U of T.

Before the 7 tournament games began, Fraser Simpson, coach of the U.T.S. team led the teams on an "ice breaker" treasure hunt. This "broke the ice" and helped the players to meet other teams and get acquainted.

Teams were divided into 5 groups of 8 teams each, so each team in each group had a chance to play every other team in their group. Three games were played Saturday afternoon, and then the teams and coaches returned to Scarborough College to change and dress for the banquet.

After dinner, Fraser Simpson hosted a lively game of "True or False" with many players winning interesting prizes.

The next day, teams reassembled at Pope John Paul II school for the final 4 games of the round robin and the decision as to who would go home, and who would go on to the TV round. Winners were determined first by games won, and then by total score. Many teams were close for the final playoff spot, and in one case, the scores were tied, and it depended on who won the game they had played together to determine final ranking. Talk about excitement and heartbreak all rolled into one.

Off to the TV Studio for taping of the Championship games. Five games were done on Sunday, and 6 on Saturday. Nicole Stamp was the quizmaster, and kept the games moving at a fast pace. Some games were real nail-biters, with the lead going

back and forth right down to the final snappers. Leaside emerged victorious for the second year in a row as Provincial Champs.

The judges, Ravi Lall and Pat Beecham, as usual had to work very quickly to make sure that any alternate answers were correct.

Congratulations to all the teams, alternates and coaches for an excellent Provincial Finals. This year had the most teams (40) competing, and the most individuals, as many teams brought several alternates, so it was a most successful Championship. Many thanks to Paul, Dan, Eric and everyone connected to the Reach organization. A special thanks to Fraser Simpson of UTS for his leadership in the ice breakers before the tournament and at the banquet. My thanks to my co-judge Ravi Lall for his valuable counsel and assistance.

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT results  
are available on our website at:  
[www.reachforthetop.com](http://www.reachforthetop.com)

Congratulations to **Leaside High School** team members:  
**Tyler Cruise, Dragana Rakic, Tiberiu Moga, Darryl Metcalf,**  
**Miran Terzic, & Milad Moshfeghian**  
Coach **Rocky Yeung.**

## Finals Games 1—5

1 Leaside	450
10 Lisgar	250

2 Vincent Massey	340
9 Father Leo J. Austin	360

3 Oakville-Trafalgar	550
8 C.H.A.T. North Toronto	180

4 Woburn	440
7 St. Mikes	320

5 Merivale	340
6 Assumption	320

## Finals Games 6-8

Leaside	490
*Vincent Massey	320

Oakville-Trafalgar	280
Father Leo J. Austin	320

Woburn	440
Merivale	230

\*wild card.

## Finals Games 13-14 (Semi-Finals)

Leaside	390
*Vincent Massey	220

Woburn	310
Father Leo J. Austin	400

\*wild card.

## Finals Game 15 (The Finals)

Leaside	430
Father Leo J. Austin	200

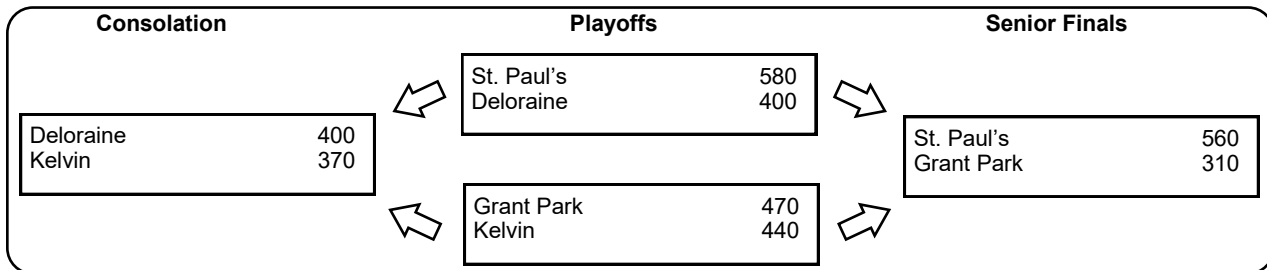
# MANITOBA REPORT

By Murray Karlicki,  
Manitoba Provincial Co-ordinator

Manitoba once again ran both Senior and Intermediate leagues. New teams from Calvin Christian, Deloraine and Vincent Massey were welcomed into the league this year. This year's Senior provincials were hosted by James Kostuchuk and Portage Collegiate. The results were as follows:

Pool A			
Team	W	L	Points
St. Paul's	3	0	1690
Kelvin	2	1	1480
Portage	1	2	1310
Teulon	0	3	630

Pool B			
Team	W	L	Points
Grant Park	3	0	1990
Deloraine	2	1	1160
Garden Valley	1	2	770
Shevchenko	0	3	820

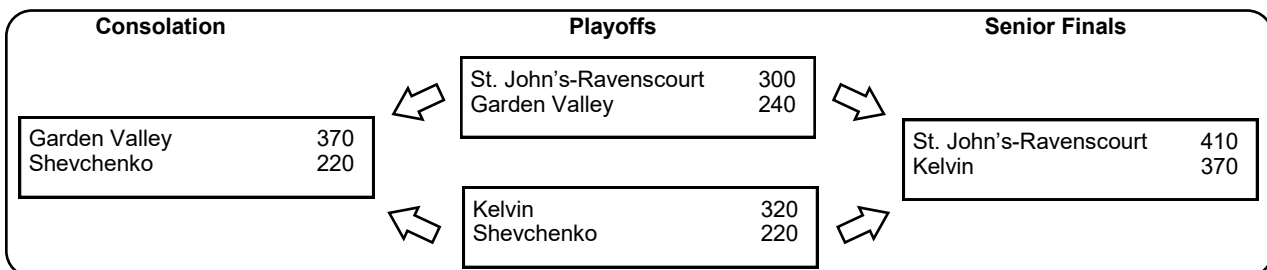


The intermediate playoffs were hosted by Frank Kores and St. John's-Ravenscourt.

The round-robin results for the Intermediate Playoffs are:

Pool A			
Team	W	L	Points
St. John's-Ravenscourt	3	0	1090
Shevchenko	2	1	880
Gray	1	2	870
Calvin	0	3	470

Pool B			
Team	W	L	Points
Kelvin	3	0	1190
Garden Valley	2	1	890
Arthur Meighen	1	2	620
Balmoral Hall	0	3	660



Congratulations to the Intermediate league winners from **St. John's Ravenscourt** team members: **Kiran Mysore, Brett Plouffsky, Rory McMorris, Matthew Sigurdson, Alex Peden, Stephenson Strobel.**  
Coach **Frank Kores.**

Congratulations to **St. Paul's High School** for winning the Senior division. St. Paul's team members : **Lee Haber, Adam Prokopanko, Kristofer Bergmann, Mathew Grabau, Tyler Kelsch.**  
Coach **John Pundyk.**

Good luck to Hymie Rosenblatt from Grant Park

# ALBERTA REPORT

By Chris Zarski,  
Alberta Provincial Co-ordinator

Wow! What a great year Alberta has had! Our competition at the league level was very close, as reported by co-ordinators. It seems that having our Junior teams come through the program is paying off for team success!

This year's provincial finals for the Junior and Senior divisions was held in the town of Calmar and did they do a GREAT job of organizing. Many of the volunteers were parents, staff at the school, community members and visitors. Students were treated to a great banquet and lots of door prizes.

Teams attending were:

Junior Division	
Trochu	Elnora
St. Augustine	W. D. Cutts
Calmar	Gerard Redmond
Percy Baxter	Youngstown

Intermediate Division	
Lindsay Thurber	Strathmore
Rundle College	W.D. Cutts
Calmar	Gerard Redmond
Hilltop	Youngstown
Wm. E. Hay	Wetaskiwin
Frank Maddock	St. Augustine

After a busy evening and full day of competition—the results were.

Junior	
1st	Percy Baxter, Whitecourt
2nd	Calmar School, Calmar
3rd	Gerard Redmond, Hinton
4th	St. Augustine, Ponoka
Sportsmanship Award—Gerard Redmond, Hinton	

Intermediate	
1st	St. Augustine, Ponoka
2nd	Wetaskiwin School, Wetaskiwin
3rd	Calmar School, Calmar
4th	Rundle College, Calgary
Sportsmanship—Hilltop, Whitecourt	

Three weeks later, we gathered in Edmonton, at Harry Ainlay Composite, for the Senior Seeding Tournament. Thanks to the coaches from Harry Ainlay for hosting us. Teams who participated were:

Senior Division	
J.C. Charyk	Trochu Valley
Harry Ainlay	Gerard Redmond
Calmar	Holy Redeemer
Hilltop	Lindsay Thurber
Paul Kane	

After two days of taping the competition at Access-CLT in what proved to be the most exciting competition in years, the top four teams were:

Senior	
1st	Hilltop High, Whitecourt
2nd	Calmar School, Calmar
3rd	Harry Ainlay, Edmonton
4th	Paul Kane High, St. Albert

Special thanks to all the coaches and parent volunteers who continue to make these great opportunities our kids! Next year's Junior/Intermediate competition will be held in Hinton.

for



Congratulations to **Hilltop High School** team members: **Jordan Jenkins, Hans Bakker, Megan Goldsney, Brian Willsher, & Matthew Cackle.** Coaches **Patricia P. Mattson & Isto Prokki.**

# BRITISH COLUMBIA REPORT

By Eric Stewart,  
British Columbia Provincial Co-ordinator

This year marked the highest number of schools playing in the province with over 30 teams spread across from Vancouver Island to the Okanagan.

The Intermediate tournament was held in Mission at Heritage Park School and a record 29 teams were involved during a full day of competition.

First place went to St. George's ( Vancouver ), followed by McRoberts (Richmond) and then Churchill (Vancouver). As usual trophies and medals were awarded to these teams and special thanks go to Al Lafontaine for hosting the tournament.

On the senior side, demand was such that the producers of Infinity Films, working with Knowledge Network, had to limit the number of teams being taped to twenty-four. As a result the largest zone, Vancouver, had to have a playoff to cut out two teams from these broadcasts. Next year there is agreement that more games will be taped daily to allow at least five more schools to be on TV. After an exciting week in the studios, St. George's emerged first for the sixth year in a row, followed again by McRoberts and a first year team from the Island, St. Michael's University School. McRoberts was able to go to the Nationals along with St. George's when an opening came up at the last minute and gained valuable experience in the process.

Congratulations to all teams and their coaches!

Congratulations to **St. George's School** team members:  
**Brandon Green, Alex Darling, Mike Paulus, Se Young Ahn,**  
**Nathan Chan, Eli Fine, Jon Hollander, & Shazan Jiwa**  
Coach **Eric Stewart.**



# NATIONAL FINALS REPORT

By Chris Zarski,  
Alberta Provincial Co-ordinator

The Reach For The Top Canadian nationals were held in Edmonton, Alberta on May 29-31. There were ten teams representing six provinces in attendance. The event saw teams arrive in Edmonton on May 28 and rise early to a 5 game seeding tournament held in one of the local high schools. The teams then had an opportunity to travel to the West Edmonton Mall and take part in some shopping, rides, swimming or golfing!

The event concluded with a hilarious and fun-filled evening at the dinner theatre, Jubilations, where teams watched and took part in Batman!

The following two days saw some exciting and close competitions in the play downs, the results of which are continued on the next page.

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

1. Leaside —Ontario
2. St. Paul's —Manitoba
3. Father Leo J. Austin—Ontario
4. Marianopolis College—Quebec
5. St. George's School—British Columbia
6. Grant Park—Manitoba
7. Hugh McRoberts S.S.—British Columbia
8. Cobequid Educational Centre—Nova Scotia
9. Whitecourt—Alberta
10. Calmar— Alberta

**NATIONAL FINALS REPORT  
CONTINUES ON PAGE 8**

# NATIONAL FINALS REPORT

Congratulations to Nova Scotia for their first place position in Canada! Thanks to all the coaches, parents and team players for their great sportsmanship!

The programs will air on Access Television on the following schedule:

- 2005 Alberta Provincial Finals: May 30-June 13  
Weekdays at 5:00 p.m.
- 2005 National Finals : June 14-June 28  
Weekdays at 5:00 p.m.



with repeats beginning June 29 through to the end of August.

The programs will air on Canadian Learning Television on the following schedule:

- 2005 Alberta Provincial Finals : Begin Sept 4  
Sundays at 3:00 pm EST / 12 noon Pacific  
Time and repeated  
Mondays at 9:30 am EST / 6:30 am Pacific  
Time
- 2005 National Finals : Nov. 20 - Begin Dec. 19  
Sundays at 3:00 pm EST / 12 noon Pacific Time and repeated  
Mondays at 9:30 am EST / 6:30 am Pacific Time
- 2005 Ontario Provincial Finals : Begin March 19  
Sundays at 3:00 pm EST / 12 noon Pacific Time and repeated  
Mondays at 9:30 am EST / 6:30 am Pacific Time
- 2005 B.C. Provincial Finals : Begin May 14  
Sundays at 3:00 pm EST / 12 noon Pacific Time and repeated  
Mondays at 9:30 am EST / 6:30 am Pacific Time



Show dates and times subject to change. Please watch the schedule at [clt.ca](http://clt.ca). Please check with your local television service provider for information on how to subscribe to CLT.

Please check the Reach website - [www.reachforthetop.com](http://www.reachforthetop.com) - for updated schedules, as well as schedules from TVO and the Knowledge Network.

## Finals Games 1-5

Leaside	410
Calmar	170

St. Paul's	490
Whitcourt	310

Father Leo J. Austin	310
Cobequid Educational Centre	450

Marianopolis College	390
Hugh McRoberts S.S.	300

St. George's School	380
*Grant Park	370

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

## Finals Games 6-8 (Quarters)

Leaside	440
Grant Park	400

St. Paul's	280
St. George's School	400

*Cobequid Educational Centre	470
Marianopolis College	480

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

## Finals Games 9-10 (Semis)

Leaside	340
Cobequid Educational Centre	400

St. George's School	460
Marianopolis College	300

## Finals Game 11 (THE FINAL)

Cobequid Educational Centre	480
St. George's School	420

**Congratulations to the Champion Cobequid Educational Centre team members from Truro, Nova Scotia: Ryan Andrews, Charles Eyrich, Joey Fielding, Kelsey MacKenzie, James Mallov, & Ross Mallov. Coach: Nicole Hart.**