



REACH NEWS



Director's Summary

It's been another lively year of "Reach" play, with hundreds of schools across the country participating in this unique co-curricular team competition. In the 2010-2011 "Reach" season we welcomed new subscriber schools from coast to coast.

On our Facebook page there is more detailed information on the National Finals, also for photos, film clips, reports and comments from student and alumni fans throughout the past year. Our website, www.reachforthetop.com, also has updates from provincial co-ordinators on the play schedules in each province. Please send photos and information on your "Reach" activities so that we can post them to the site.

Our thanks to the teacher-coaches in every province who fielded teams, arranged games, read questions, judged answers and generally made the Schoolreach tournament system work.

Thanks also to the provincial co-coordinators (see their reports on the following pages) who organized and ran the provincial finals and produced uniformly strong teams to represent each province at the Nationals.

And with hearty appreciation, we acknowledge the key members of the national Reach Organization:

Editorial Board; **Patricia Beecham-Cooper, Stephen Finlay, Nicole Novakovics, Colleen O'Reilly and Ryan Vickers.**

Schoolreach Subscription Programme National Facilitators, **Daniel Hill and Frank Russell.**

National Finals Event Team; Producers **Daniel Hill and Eric Novakovics**; Readers and Presenters **Richard Koo and Ryan Vickers**; Judges, **Patricia Beecham-Cooper and Ravi Lall**; Floor Director **Brenton Bentz**; Audio Supervisor, **Glen Gummerson**; Cinematographer **Jorge Manzano**; Stills Photographer **Costa Kamateros**; Production Co-ordinators **Jason Cooper, Colleen O'Reilly and Vijaya Selvaraju** and Production Assistant **Roberta Bell.**

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

Paul G. Russell
Executive Director,
Schoolreach/Reach For The Top Inc.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



Congratulations to the 2010-2011 National Champions Kennebecasis Valley High School

Michael Forestell, Sam Forestell, Kyle Mason, David MacFarquhar, Jack O'Connor, Sarah Hirtle, Andres Leon, Josh Outerbridge & Coaches Jason Thorne & Sarah Smith

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Nova Scotia Report

By Hans Budgey,
Nova Scotia Provincial Co-ordinator

A successful 2010-2011 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 30th, the preliminary 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	7	0	2280	1220	+1060
2	Dartmouth High School	6	1	2290	1300	+990
3	Glace Bay High School	4	3	1680	1580	+100
4	Sydney Academy	4	3	1400	1680	-280
5	Auburn Drive High School	3	4	1310	1740	-430
6	Sackville High School	2	5	1200	1950	-750
7	North Colchester High School	1	6	1350	1550	-200
8	South Colchester Academy	1	6	1090	1580	-490

On Sunday, May 1st, the finals were held; using the seeding results from Day 1 of the competition, the following playoff schedule took place:

#1 Cobequid Ed. Centre	460
#8 South Colchester	110

#4 Sydney Academy	210
#5 Auburn Drive	260

#2 Dartmouth HS	370
#7 North Colchester	210

#3 Glace Bay HS	220
#6 Sackville HS	180

Cobequid Ed. Centre	450
Sackville H.S.	180

Dartmouth HS	250
Glace Bay HS	260

Cobequid Ed. Centre	350
Glace Bay HS	250



Congratulations to the champions from **Cobequid Educational Centre**: Jaxon Baker, Brad Creelman, SallyFaulkner, Jason Gautier, Aiden Manley, Sander Manley, Luke McLean, Ryan Terry. Coach: Andrew MacNeill

New Brunswick Report

By Sean Newlands and Jonathan Logan
New Brunswick Provincial Coordinators

The past year was another busy one for New Brunswick Reach for the Top players and advisors. Four invitational tournaments were held throughout the province during the 2010-2011 season. Thank-you to the advisors and players from **Sussex Regional High School, Kennebecasis Valley High School, Hampton High School** and **Bernice MacNaughton High School** for all of your hard work in hosting these tournaments. Kennebecasis Valley High continued to display their dominance this season, winning the senior division in each of these tournaments and the intermediate division in three tournaments. Fredericton High School was able to come away with a win in the intermediate division at the Kennebecasis Valley High tournament. Congratulations on a great season to all participants.

The Provincial Championship Tournament was hosted by **Oromocto High School** on April 30th. **Kennebecasis Valley High** was victorious over Oromocto High in the Championship Game. Kennebecasis Valley High was a formidable opponent again this year as they did not lose a single game during provincial play the entire season.

All of the participating New Brunswick schools would like to congratulate KVHS on repeating as Reach for the Top National Champions this year.

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

Congratulations to champions from **Kennebecasis Valley H.S.**: Michael Forestell, Sam Forestell, Kyle Mason, David MacFarquhar, Jack O'Connor, Sarah Hirtle, Andres Leon, Josh Outerbridge & Coaches Jason Thorne & Sarah Smith

Quebec Report



Congratulations to champions from **Royal West Academy**: Zachary Haboucha, Harry Schneidman, Afuad Abrar Hossain, Si Jia Li and Coach Nancy McDougall

Ontario Report

By **Pat Beecham-Cooper**
Ontario Finals Senior Judge

The Ontario Reach for the Top Championships were held May 14-16 at **Centennial College, Progress Campus** and at **Pope John Paul II C.H.S.**, in Scarborough, Ontario.

40 teams (winners of their leagues) vied for the 10 positions that would play in the finals to be held on Monday. A round-robin tournament was held on Sunday May 10 at Pope John Paul II C.H.S., to determine these teams. There were 5 flights of 8 teams. The top ten teams, based first on the number of wins, then on the highest aggregate points, made it into the finals on Monday. As usual, there were many close games, some decided by a tie-breaker, but there were no ties among the teams in the final tally.

At Centennial College on Monday, there were 5 elimination games, with the winner of each game and the highest scoring losing team advancing to the quarter-finals. The winners of these three games and the highest scoring losing team advanced to the semi-finals, with the two winning teams playing off for the championship. Many of these games were very close, with only 10 or 20 points separating the winner from the loser. The semi-finals and final game were read alternately by **Richard Koo** and **Ryan Vickers**.

Saturday evening at Centennial College, everyone enjoyed a delicious banquet, and **Fraser Simpson**, coach of UTS, led the crowd in a rousing game of "true or false", with lots of prizes for the winners.

On Sunday, while awaiting the final results and standings, Ryan Vickers conducted a raffle with many prizes being donated by teams attending, plus some unusual items that Ryan donated. A cheese grater, Christmas lights and Ziploc bags of Mexican pesos were among the most cherished winnings!

Thanks to the Schoolreach teachers and students at Pope John Paul II C.H.S. for their hospitality in hosting the round robin tournament, including students **Vib Soundrajah**, **Monica Soriano**, **Satchyan Karalasingham**, **Janice D'Souza**, **Amanda Matthew** and **Jhasmin Catwo**. Also, thanks to the JPPII coaches; **Theresa Lem** and **Anthony Hageman** for organizing and hosting.

Thanks also to the Reach staff for providing an excellent tournament. And most important of all, thanks to all the teams and coaches for their hard work always on top of his game.



Congratulations to **Centennial C.V.I.**: Daniel Carter, Kefei Zeng, David Svoboda, Cooper Albertson-Webb, Ian Rodgers and Coach: Elizabeth Davidson

Manitoba Report

By John Martens
Manitoba Provincial Co-ordinator

Reach for the Top is alive and well in Manitoba. 32 teams participated in our senior circuit this year along with 21 in our intermediate. We also welcomed **Beaver Brae School** from Kenora, Ontario into the fold. Every participating school won at least one game and parity that is emerging in the province, as a whole, can be largely attributed to the excellent coaching and increased participation within the schools.

The senior provincial finals were hosted by **St. John's Ravenscourt School** of Winnipeg. **Neil Martin**, SJR's coach, was a gracious and organized host and all participating teams enjoyed the tournament. The "final four" teams included **St. Paul's**, **Kelvin**, **Vincent Massey (Winnipeg)** and **Vincent Massey (Brandon)**. When the smoke cleared, it was St. Paul's standing alone on top of the mountain once again. The private Catholic school juggernaut (coached by **John Pundyk**) has won the province for 4 consecutive years. Vincent Massey (Brandon) by virtue of finishing second in the province also gained a berth at the Nationals. The young Vincent Massey team will be a force to be reckoned with in the next few years.

The intermediate provincials were held in **Deloraine**, Manitoba. Coach **Dale McKinnon** made it an event that will not soon be forgotten by those participating. The

tournament was a major event in the community that brought out many fans, including the mayor. Teams were paraded into the gym in Olympic fashion as Deloraine nostalgically remembered their journey to the Nationals in the early 80's. When it was all said and done, Vincent Massey (Brandon) fell to **The Gray Academy** (coached by **Judy Doctoroff** and **Judy Shuster**). Congratulations to all the teams that participated. Your futures look very bright.

On a personal note, we all wish **Murray Karlicki** a speedy recovery from his injury and hope that he can return as provincial coordinator next year. He left some pretty big shoes to fill and I'm not sure my toes are long enough. Keep Reachin'.



Congratulations to the champions from **St. Paul's High School**: Peyton Veitch, Andrew Konopelny, Lubomyr Melnuk, Austin Feltham, Quinn Malone and Coach: John Pundyk

Alberta Report

By Chris Zarski,
Alberta Provincial Co-ordinator

Hello everyone from beautiful Alberta (if the snow would ever leave!). We had a very entertaining set of provincial competitions the first of which was the Senior division held April 16th at the host school of **Webber Academy** in Calgary, Alberta. David Rose and the staff at Webber did a fantastic job of hosting the 10 senior teams consisting of Old Scona #1 and #2 (Edmonton), Webber Academy #1 and #2 (Calgary), Hunting Hills (Red Deer), Calmar High School (Calmar), Bellerose Composite (St. Albert), Rundle College (Calgary) Ponoka Composite (Ponoka) and William E Hay (Stettler).

After a 5 game round robin, the top two teams in each pool played off and we then moved to simultaneous games of finals and Consolation Finals. Playing in the Finals were Old Scona #1 vs Bellerose and in the Consolation final, Old Scona #2 and Rundle College. We are pleased to be sending Old Scona #1 (420) and Bellerose (210) to Nationals as Alberta reps. Picking up third place was Old Scona #2 (330) and Rundle College (190).

Congratulations to Old Scona #1 for yet another win! Special thanks to **Castle Rock Research** for their sponsorship of a new Provincial Trophy.

The Junior and Intermediate teams played off in Wetaskiwin, hosted at **Clear Vista School** where we celebrated the achievements of 6 Intermediate teams and 8 Junior teams. We split the competition into a Friday night competition having 5 games of the round robin and on Saturday morning, finishing the round robin and moving into the semi and final games. Competitors, readers, judges and parents were treated to a buffet breakfast hosted by the school council from Clear Vista School. Door prizes were plenty! Thanks to **Char Fraser** for getting all the goodies!

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Alberta Report

By Chris Zarski,
Alberta Provincial Co-ordinator

Junior and Intermediate Tournament and Finals Results:

JUNIORS

Semi Finals

Lacombe (320) vs Crestomere (200)
Calmar (250) vs Clear Vista (150)

Finals

Lacombe (350) - 1st place
Calmar (250) - 2nd place

Consolation Final

Crestomere (310) - 3rd Place
Clear Vista (230) - 4th Place

Sportsmanship Trophy - Clear Vista

JUNIORS

1. Lacombe
2. Crestomere
3. Calmar
4. Clear Vista
5. Percy Baxter
6. Trochu
7. Elnora
8. Queen Elizabeth

INTERMEDIATE

Semi Finals

Crestomer (360) vs Clear Vista (170)
Lacombe (310) vs Stettler (210)

Finals

Crestomere (410) - 1st place
Lacombe (230) - 2nd place

Consolation Final

Clear Vista (290) - 3rd place
Stettler (240) - 4th place

Sportsmanlike Trophy—William E Hay - Stettler

INTERMEDIATES

1. Crestomere
2. Lacombe
3. Clear Vista
4. Stettler
5. Fox Creek
6. Queen Elizabeth



Congratulations to Old Scona Academic H.S.: Rishi Nair, Mitchell Schultze, Stephen Smith, Andrew Qi, Shaheer Meenai, Kevin Wang and Coach: Dee Elder

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British Columbia Report

By Donna Choo
British Columbia Provincial Co-ordinator

The 2010-2011 B.C. Reach for the Top season involved 30 to 33 schools playing at the Senior and/or Junior/Intermediate level. The highlights of each year are the annual provincial tournaments.

On March 11th, the Junior/Intermediate Provincial Tournament was held at **Crofton House School** (Vancouver), where eighteen schools competed for the championship.

Many thanks go to **Chris McKenzie** and **Ping Li**, and to their student volunteers for hosting and organizing the event. After a round-robin style set of seeding games, the sixteen highest scoring schools proceeded to the championship rounds. Three games later, two teams were left to compete in the final round.

The **2011 B.C. Intermediate Reach for the Top** champion is **St. George's School (Vancouver)**. That team was presented with the school trophy and gold medal. Second place went to **Burnaby North Secondary (Burnaby)** and third place to **Sir Winston Churchill Secondary (Vancouver)**. Congratulations to all the teams!

The 2011 B.C. Reach for the Top Provincial Championship (Senior level) was held on April 15th at **Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School (Vancouver)** and hosted by yours truly and my Senior team. A huge thank you goes to the members of my Intermediate team for all of their hard work during the competition, which allowed for a smoothly-run event. The twenty-eight schools that attended this year's tournament played an initial round of five games to rank the schools, with the sixteen highest scoring teams continuing to the championship rounds. The excitement and enthusiasm of the students were felt throughout the quarter-final and semi-final games. It was a pleasure to watch them demonstrate their depth of knowledge and quickness of recall.

The evening ended with a fast-paced final game between two experienced teams, with this result: **The 2011 B.C. Reach for the Top Provincial Championship school trophy and gold medal went to St. George's School (Vancouver)**. Silver went to **Burnaby North Secondary (Burnaby)** and bronze to **Sentinel Secondary (West Vancouver)**. Congratulations to all of the players on the winning teams! St. George's and Burnaby North went on to represent British Columbia at the Nationals in Toronto.

It has been a very successful and enjoyable year for Reach for the Top in B.C. Thank you to all the students, their parents, and the team coaches for their continued interest and involvement in RFTT.



Congratulations to **St. George's School** : Varun Boathic, Max Bedford, David Choi, Sebastian Dutz, Anjan Katta, Jake Salcudean, Francis Dowlatabadi, Nick Mostowich, Usman Taj, and Coach: Catherine Mori.



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National Report

By Paul Russell,
Director, Reach For The Top Inc.

This year, Provincial Champions traveled by plane, train and car from across Canada and converged in Downtown Toronto at the Chestnut Residence of the University of Toronto on Friday May 27, 2011.

On Saturday morning, after breakfast at the residence, teams made their way up town by subway or on foot to **Royal St. George's College** in the city's Annex district. After a formal welcome and introductions in Ketchum Hall, a full round-robin tournament was conducted in the classrooms of the college. We were fortunate to have these articulate and patient readers and judges for the tournament: **Mitch Boyle, Britney Castleman, James Cooper, Matt Dreger, Paul Edmonstone, Alden Fong, Courtney Gibson, David Hanula, Jason Himsl, Carol Pierce, Andy Saunders, Nitish Sharma, Arjun Songhi, Vipulan Vigneswaran.**

On Sunday, the National Finals series began with eight games played through the day in the College's historic and inspiring Chapel that dates back to 1883. The duties of quizmaster were jointly undertaken by **Richard Koo** and **Ryan Vickers**. Our thanks to these two rapid-fire experts, and to our ever-alert judges for these games, **Patricia Beecham-Cooper** and **Ravi Lall**. Thanks also to Royal St. Georges College, our host school, and **Rachel De Blois**, the coach of the RSGC team, for making us welcome.

The two Semi-Finals and the Championship game were played on Monday morning at the castellated theatre of **Canada's Wonderland**, with a dramatic and tense regional confrontation between New Brunswick and Ontario, leading to victory for the New Brunswick team from **Kennebecasis Valley High School** over **Centennial C.V.I.**, from Guelph, Ontario.

Following the final game, a Gala Buffet was held in the Wonderland Park. Medals and prizes were announced by our lively "Animateurs" Richard Koo and Ryan Vickers, and beaming winning faces from across the country were captured by flashing cameras.

The announcement of the four MVP's, as selected by a panel of Reach production staff, received enthusiastic applause and every participating school was presented with a plaque commemorating the games, for public display at the school upon their return.

The Teams then streamed out into the park for a late afternoon of thrilling amusement rides in **Canada's Wonderland**.



Congratulations to 2010-11 National Champions from **Kennebecasis Valley HS**: Michael Forestell, Sam Forestell, Kyle Mason, David MacFarquhar, Jack O'Connor, Sarah Hirtle, Andres Leon, Josh Outerbridge & Coaches Jason

Nationals continued

Reach MVPs:

- Michael Forestell (Kennebecasis Valley HS)
- Daniel Carter (Centennial CVI)
- Andrew Qi (Old Scona Academic HS)
- Gwennyth Rosser (Bellerose Composite HS)



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