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1997/1998 TRANS-CANADA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



National Finals - Dalhousie University, Halifax

THE DIRECTORS' ANNUAL SUMMARY

Reach continued to have television gains this year. The Provincial Finals in British Columbia and Nova Scotia were taped for broadcast, as were the National Finals in Halifax, courtesy of Bragg Communications.

The continuing support of the following sponsors, in donating team prizes at the National level, is greatly appreciated. Our Cross-Canada "Reach" thanks to:



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This coming September we look forward to announcing the official Reach Website. Watch for our website address in the September issue of the Reach news!

We also plan University level tournaments in the coming academic year, so if you have played Reach in High School and want to play at University, call or write to us for more information in September.

Address all inquiries to Paul Rus: **THE ANNUAL SUMMARY CONTINUED ON P 1**

NOVA SCOTIA REPORT

Elfriede Budgey
Nova Scotia Provincial Co-ordinator

The Nova Scotia Provincial finals were again held in Windsor Regional High School on April 25, 1998. All seven games were taped by Windsor Cable.

This year our six regional finalists were divided into two groups so that each team would play at least two games. The two group winners, both eligible to go to the National finals, this year hosted by Nova Scotia, then played a final game for the Provincial Championship.

Group A

Dartmouth High	520
Glace Bay High	190
Cobequid Educational Centre	410
Glace Bay High	190
Cobequid Educational Centre	260
Dartmouth High	200

Group B

Prince Andrew High	470
Memorial High	340
Horton District High	370
Prince Andrew High	340
Horton District High	510
Memorial High	210

Final



Cobequid Educational Centre 290
Horton District High 550

In the final game between the two group winners, Horton emerged once again as Nova Scotia champions. Hamilton Maquire acted as judge for the 6th time, Hans Budgey for the 11th year as quiz-master. He was also responsible for the over-all organization of the Nova Scotia Provincial finals.

HORTON DISTRICT HIGH
1998 NOVA SCOTIA CHAMPIONS

Horton District High Team members:

Robin Bates
Tim Heerebout
Aaron Long
Coach: Jim Fetty

Mark Bouter
Chris Lau
Richard Manuel

Cobequid Educational Centre Team members:

Philip Carpenter
Dan Retson
Danielle Thibodeau
Coaches: David Higgins
Marion Retson

Mark Pearce
Daniel Smith
Beth Scammell

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This year saw Schoolreach expansion in British Columbia (a new league in Richmond), in Ontario (esp. the Ottawa league) and in Alberta.

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.

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.



ALBERTA REPORT

Chris Zarski
Alberta Provincial Co-ordinator

The 1997-98 Alberta Schoolreach year was again a tremendous success. A number of previously intramural schools were placed in leagues forming a total of eight regional leagues with three intramural locations remaining. All indications show we will have additional schools joining next year meaning even more regional leagues. We have an estimated 180-200 teams playing in these leagues. Many of our schools have adopted the junior league so they often run a minimum of six teams from each school. The fact that Alberta hosts a provincial competition for intermediates accounts for the tremendous number of players at the junior level.

Each regional league and intramural school was represented at Provincial's which were held in Plamondon, Alberta. This is the second year that Bernard Germaine, staff and community have hosted provincials and it was nothing short of awesome! They were the perfect hosts to 12 senior teams and 14 intermediate teams. The competition was run over one day and it was most entertaining for those who had the opportunity to sit in on games. After a great day of competition, the following teams received awards:

Senior Division

1st Place - Paul Kane High School, St. Albert

2nd Place - Lindsay Thurber

3rd Place - Archbishop MacDonald, Edmonton

Intermediate Division

1st Place - Paul Kane, St. Albert

2nd Place - Pigeon Lake, Pigeon Lake

3rd Place - Lindsay Thurber

Most Sportsmanlike Team

Intermediate - Fort Vermillion
Senior - Archbishop MacDonald

We congratulate our teams and wish the teams from St. Albert and Red Deer the best at Nationals.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the league co-ordinators for their help throughout the year as well as the many coaches who work with our students. We can continue to be proud of our students as they display outstanding knowledge and sportsmanship!

MANITOBA REPORT

Murray Karlicki
Manitoba Co-ordinator

Manitoba saw an increase in teams in both senior and intermediate leagues. The Senior division increased from 19 to 26 teams while the Intermediate division increased from 7 to 11 teams.

This year was the first time the provincials were held outside of Winnipeg, with Carberry hosting the event. A new format was also used as 8 teams were divided into 2 pools to compete in a round-robin format. The following schools competed in the provincials: Silver Heights, Kelvin, Garden Valley (Winkler), Crocus Plains (Brandon), Pinawa, Dauphin, Carberry and team X (Joseph Wolinsky could not attend).

Round-robin results:

Pool A	1 st - Kelvin	2 - 1 (1590 pts.)
	2 nd - Pinawa	2 - 1 (1430 pts.)

Pool B	1 st - Carberry	3 - 0 (1720 pts.)
	2 nd - Winkler	2 - 1 (1140 pts.)

Playoffs:	Kelvin	450
	Winkler	210

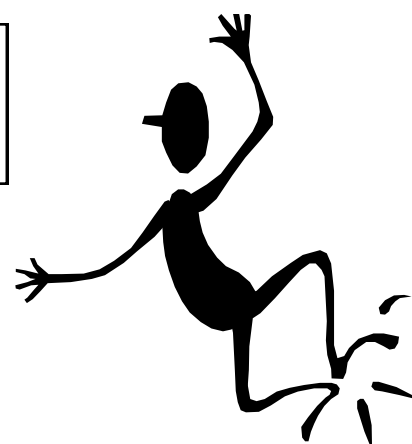
Pinawa	460
Carberry	350

Finals:	Kelvin	330
	Pinawa	410

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**MANITOBA
PROVINCIAL
CHAMPIONS**



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

ONTARIO REPORT

*Richard Mageau
National Capital League*

Forty zone champions gathered in Toronto for this year's Provincials. Players and coaches stayed at the Margaret Addison residence of the U. of T., played the round robin games at Jarvis Collegiate and the finals at Hart House. Drawmaster Eric Novakovics had the teams divided into four groups, and, with one random crossover per team, everyone played ten games. Final round robin results seemed to indicate that last year's finalists, Earl Haig and Gloucester, although ranked first and second, were not going to find it easy to return to the Nationals. It seemed that any of the final eight teams had the ability to knock them off. The accompanying chart summarizes both phases of the tournament. You will please excuse any typos which may have crept in.

Team	Group	W	L	For/Against	Rank
St. Michael's	D	9	1	1.4254	6
Waterloo	D	7	3	1.5376	9
Tagwi	D	3	7	0.8589	28
Richmond Hill	D	3	7	0.7869	32
Adam Scott	D	3	7	0.8932	27
Madill	D	0	10	0.4901	40
Timmins	D 7	3		1.1293	12
Guelph Centennial	D	3	7	0.8333	30
Saunders	D	8	2	1.4211	7
Erindale	D	5	5	1.0063	19

Team	Group	W	L	For/Against	Rank
Leaside	B	7	3	1.4502	10
Assumption	B 5	5		0.8671	22
Gloucester	B	9	1	1.9803	1
Fellowes	B	4	6	0.815	25
Jarvis	B	1	9	0.5753	38
Fr. Michael Goetz	B	1	9	0.705	37
Orangeville	B	4	6	0.7288	26
St. Joseph	B	7	3	1.3168	11
Hastings St. Paul's	B	3	7	0.6425	33
Frontenac	B	9	1	1.529	4

Team	Group	W	L	For/Against	Rank
Lorne Park	C	9	1	1.434	5
Niagara St. Paul	C	2	8	0.6275	35
North Dundas	C	4	6	0.9006	23
Medway	C	6	4	0.9772	16
West Hill	C	8	2	1.3034	8
Fr. Leo J. Austin	C	6	4	1.175	15
Woburn	C	5	5	0.9942	20
Lockerby	C	4	6	0.8367	24
Martingrove	C	5	5	1.1142	18
Lord Elgin	C	3	7	0.8524	29
Team	Group	W	L	For/Against	Rank
Earl Haig	A	9	1	1.9205	2
Bishop Reding	A	2	8	0.8006	34

Welland Centennial	A	7	3	1.053	14
Chatham Kent	A	6	4	0.9704	17
Kingston C.V.I.	A	9	1	1.8441	3
Cobourg	A	0	10	0.6429	39
East Elgin	A	5	5	0.8924	21
Northern Sarnia	A	3	7	0.8162	31
Westdale	A	7	3	1.0891	13
Sir Winston Churchill	A	2	8	0.6228	36

The final eight played at Hart House, with these results:

#1 Gloucester	860
#8 West Hill	230
#4 Frontenac	510
#5 Lorne Park	490
#3 Kingston	500
#6 St. Michael's	420
<u>Semi Finals</u>	
#1 Gloucester	600
#4 Frontenac	440
#3 Kingston	630
#7 Saunders	350
<u>Finals</u>	
#1 Gloucester	570
#3 Kingston	430

GLOUCESTER (NATIONAL CAPITAL) 98 ONTARIO CHAMPIONS

Gloucester and Kingston will go on to the National Championship in Halifax. Can they repeat an all-Ontario final? Who will take Earl Haig's place at the Top for which we have all been Reaching?



TRANS-CANADA NATIONAL FINALS



1998 National Finals of Reach For The Top
 Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia
 May 29th - June 2nd, 1998

Hans Budgley
 National Finals Co-ordinator

Fifty five players and twenty-two coaches, parents and SCHOOLREACH staff gathered at Shirreff Hall for 3 days of competition, sight-seeing and cross-Canada cultural exchange. Friday saw the arrival of the ten competing teams who were greeted with a 'plethora of paraphernalia'. After a brief introductory meeting, players and coaches settled in for a deserved night's rest.

On Saturday, teams gathered in the Dalhousie Arts and Administration Building for introductory remarks and an outline of the procedure for the Preliminary Tournament. A corps of dedicated volunteers took care of scoring and reporting results from five rooms. A group of local Reach alumni acted as quizmasters and did an excellent job of handling the 45 hotly contested games. Five rounds were completed in the morning session and play adjourned for lunch, a campus tour and free-time to enjoy the hot and sunny Halifax afternoon. After four final rounds in the evening, student volunteer Adam Church compiled the following final standings.

Rank	Team	W	L	For	Against	Spread
1	Kingston, ON2	9	0	4470	2160	+2310
2	Gloucester, ON1	8	1	4270	2380	+1890
3	Horton, NS1	7	2	3470	2810	+660
4	Pinawa, MB1	5	4	3620	2620	+1000
5	Kelvin, MB2	5	4	3130	2780	+350
6	University Hill, BC	5	4	3120	2980	+140
7	Lindsay Thurber, AB2	2	7	1950	3390	-1440
8	Paul Kane, AB1	2	7	1990	3820	-1830
9	Cobequid, NS2	1	8	2320	3480	-1160
10	Fredericton, NB	1	8	1790	3710	-1920

On Sunday, the top eight teams met in the single-knockout televised finals, held in the Sir James Dunn Theatre, Dalhousie Arts Centre. Bragg Communications Cable recorded the games which will soon be made available to viewers across Canada. Thanks to incredible volunteer support, the production went well with the following results.

Quarterfinals

Kingston	560
Paul Kane	210

Pinawa	400
Kelvin	420

Gloucester	690
Lindsay Thurber	100

Horton	380
University Hill	300

Semi-finals

Kingston	590
Kelvin	270

Gloucester	530
Horton	380

Championship

Kingston	380
Gloucester	440

Congratulations to:
GLoucester HIGH SCHOOL

Gloucester, Ontario,

National Reach Champions for 1998.

The team is comprised of:

- Vivek Krishnamurthy
- Johnathan Richardson
- William Godsoe
- Man-Yee Sun
- Rob Kane
- Alex MacKenzie

Coach: Kelly Oka



After the games, the players were received at the N. S. Provincial Legislature by the Hon. Gerry Fogarty, MLA and N.S. Reach quizmaster 1966-1986. Mr. Fogarty inducted all visitors into the Order of Good Times. The evening concluded with a Halifax Harbour boat cruise.

Monday was devoted to sight-seeing: including the Fairview Cemetary Titanic gravesites, the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, Halifax Public Gardens and the rocks and waves of Peggy's Cove. Then it was on

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NEW BRUNSWICK REPORT

Bill Hay
New Brunswick Co-ordinator

The highlights of the New Brunswick Reach For The Top 1997-98 season were the five weekend contests, culminating in the Championship Tournament at Oromocto High School on May 2.

Southern Victoria High won the first three competitions at James M. Hill High, St. Andrews, and at their own tournament. Mirmichi Valley High, a first-year Reach school, hosted eight teams in March, and last year's champion, James M. Hill, received the winner's trophy.

There were seventeen teams at the Oromocto tournament, nine in the Championship draw. Both Southern Victoria and Fredericton High went through the preliminaries and sime-finals undefeated. Southern Vic defeated James M. Hill 400 to 370 in the semi-final and Fredericton bested Miramichi Valley 380-280 in the other. In the spirited final Championship game, Fredericton High outscored Southern Victoria 520 to 440.

Congratulations to:
FREDERICTON HIGH
New Brunswick Champions

Coach Cynthia Urquhart and her Fredericton High team: Alex Frank, Martin Trugley, David Brodie, Ben Goodyear, Jeff Kang, and Krista Byers-Heinlein.



NATIONAL FINALS CONT'D

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to the William Black United Church Hall for a delicious seafood chowder supper and musical entertainment by

Dan MacKinnon. The Awards Committee presented some amusing and well-deserved awards to conclude the evening.

Players returned home on Tuesday with strains of "Farewell to Nova Scotia" echoing in their ears. Many thanks are owed to a multitude of people who made this year's Nationals a great success.



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.

BRITISH COLUMBIA REPORT

Eric Stewart
British Columbia Co-ordinator

This year saw the number of schools taking part in Schoolreach rise by **seven** and the start of a new league in Richmond. Thanks to the efforts of Sam Jessa from Cambie Secondary, McNair, Palmer, McRoberts and Steveston Secondary Schools fielded teams in both Intermediate and Senior levels. Windermere Secondary in Vancouver was a welcome addition to that league. In addition, Shawnigan Lake School on Vancouver Island joined and it's hoped that other schools in the area will follow suit next year.

Inter-school games were held in both leagues for the fall and winter terms, with the Intermediate Tournament winners coming from St. George's School. A trophy was awarded as well as gold, silver and bronze medallions plus Schoolreach pins to the respective winning teams. The Senior Tournament was held mid-April and brought together eleven teams. The stage and crew from Rogers TV, which were part of the National Finals last year, were once again part of this year's playoffs at St. George's. After two days of games, the winner and BC rep. was UNIVERSITY HILL HIGH SCHOOL, which had been the runner-up last year. These games will be broadcast in the fall, with the hope that more schools will be "reached".

In the meantime, three more schools in the Maple Ridge area outside Vancouver, are ready to start playing next year. Thanks again to all coaches and players for making 1997-98 the best year yet in B.C. Schoolreach.

Congratulations to:
UNIVERSITY HILL HIGH SCHOOL
British Columbia Champions

LETTERS...

From Port Coquitlam, B.C.

This year I played the part of quiz-master and host and, while it went very well, I came to appreciate the many unusual words, phrases and expressions ... I was particularly challenged by my Latin pronunciations.

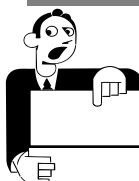
Once again I had great fun and, just like yourselves, believe the CBC should have kept this show going. It's great for the kids, it's fun to watch and it would make for actual intelligent programming (which is probably why they don't run it anymore!)

Take care,

David Russell
(Quizmaster, B.C. Provincial Finals)

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BULLETIN BOARD

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1998

Students reach for buzzers in battle of wits

By Scott Gibbons
The Star

Some of Manitoba's brightest young students will be bringing heads in the upcoming provincial Reach For The Top championship.

The eight-team high school tournament will be held on April 25 at Carberry Collegiate. At stake is a berth in the national championship to be held in Halifax in May.

Reach For The Top involves teams of four contestants sparling off in a battle of intellect. Points are won when the team quickest to the buzzer has the correct answer to one of many questions.

"It can be something very straightforward that they would've covered in high school or something out of high school, like plays, culture, classical music ... it's quite a wide range of questions," said Murray Kadlicki, tournament organizer and coach of the Carberry squad.

"They'll throw a few of these really obscure (questions) in the game packs, but when you get two really good teams, it comes down to who is the quickest on the buzzer."

There will be eight high school teams competing: Joseph Wolfmink, Silver Heights and Kelvin of Winnipeg, Garden Valley of Windsor, Ciccus Plains of Brandon, Plaza, Dauphin and Carberry.

The teams will divided into two pools of four. The top two teams from each pool following a round robin will advance to the semifinals.

There are about 30 schools in the province that fielded Reach For The Top teams this school year, Kadlicki said.

The Carberry teacher said the tournaments are a great activity for students who may not be academically inclined.

"It's something different for the kids other than just the straight athletic extra-curricular activities," he said. "It seems to fit a different group of kids."

The Carberry team practices every second day reviewing sheets of facts and trivia put together by Kadlicki. They also read through practice game packages that are distributed out of town.

"I find they do a lot better if you give them specific sheets of study — Canadian authors, for example, or world capitals," Kadlicki said. "If you just give them a world almanac and say go through it and study certain things, they don't want to do so well."

"You try to form a team that's well rounded and balanced. You have certain kids who love their singing points like history and geography or science and math."

The round-robin portion goes under way at 10 a.m., with the final slated tentatively for 7:30 p.m.



B.C. Finalists - St. George's and University Hill, with moderator Dave Russell and Headmaster Nigel

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BULLETIN BOARD



Fredericton High School's Reach For The Top Team has captured the title and are bound for the national championships. Team members, shown with coach Cynthia Urquhart, front left, include clockwise from left, Alex Frank, Martin Tingley, David Brodie, Ben Goodyear, Jeff Kang and Krista Byers-Heinlein.

SCHOOLREACH
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Horton reaches third

By CHRISTINE DANNEY
Staff Reporter

If it were a horse race, Horton District High didn't win or place for at Sunday's National Reach For the Top final, they stumbled around.

Nova Scotia's top-rated team finished third among 18 high schools from across the country, losing just twice in nine matches over the weekend at Dalhousie University.

Coaches Gloucester High School was.

John Hines, Horton team captain, said winning isn't everything.

"I'm sure I'll win, but it's not. I will have all the things going for me the last before," the 21-year-old Woodville resident said.

And the Grade 12 student certainly has a lot going for him. His correct answers totaled 380 of the team's 395 points during a quarter-final game Sunday afternoon.

It'll start his history degree at Queen's University in September on a Chancellor's Scholarship, valued at \$6,200 a year.

His Horton teammates all have different strengths.

Chris Lee prefers questions about maths, science and classical music. Tim Hetherington knows a lot about sports and rock music. And Grade 10 student Aaron Long, the only team member not in Grade 12, is best at sports and history.

Here's how the 18 teams in the country's top high school quiz stacked:

1. Gloucester High School, Ont.
2. Kingston Collegiate Institute, Ont.
3. Horton District High School, N.S.
4. Humber High, Man.
5. Portia High, Ont.
6. University Hill High, N.C.
7. Lindsay Charter High, Ont.
8. Paul Kane High, Alta.
9. Colquhoun Education, Ont.
10. ...

Halifax Chronicle Herald - 6/1/98

Students continue to reach for top

By Christine Danney
Staff Reporter

It's too young to remember the CBC contest that David Dalfove knew all about the best of competition in Reach For The Top.

"They keep talking to about it but we've never seen it," Dalfove said. The Grade 10 student from Horton High School was part of a five-man team that competed Sunday in Calgary for the provincial Reach For The Top title. Teammate David Bartlett shares in "All I know is that 'Reach' used to be a quiz master on it."

Much like CBC's now-defunct TV show, competitors are asked a series of questions and may sit on hand-drawn boards, speak answers and an even quicker round on a computer base on the final round.

Eight teams—two from Horton and one each from Pictou, Cansboro, Windsor, Cansboro, Pictou, Horton and Beauséjour—all made it to the round robin for knowledge questions.

In the match between the junior Horton team and Silver Heights, the strongest was silver and gold.

Students suggest they love the sport and proved when they showed an answer they thought they should be here able to answer. However, competition when the final point available is almost as intense as the other has found it.

"Where is that?" Emily Linneman



David Bartlett (right) took his brain for answers as he and partner David Dalfove take part in the Reach For The Top competition Saturday afternoon. The pair were from Horton, a group of four students from Horton High School in Miramichi.

of the junior Horton team jokers. Some even took full advantage in trying to several correct answers.

Many Horton students admit being a team member isn't reward as the most prestigious activity in their school.

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The year reached the five since the team were held outside Miramichi, Bartlett co-organized the event with a coach from Miramichi.

Every second team from Bartlett and fellow student Heather Collins took up and quiz students with questions from a Reach For The Top quiz book for practice. They have made it twice and the students with the highest scores are picked to compete. Other teams pick members by the contest's area of strength.

Three tournaments throughout the year determine a team's rank.

Going into the semi-finals against the provincial champions, Pictou, the Horton team was confident.

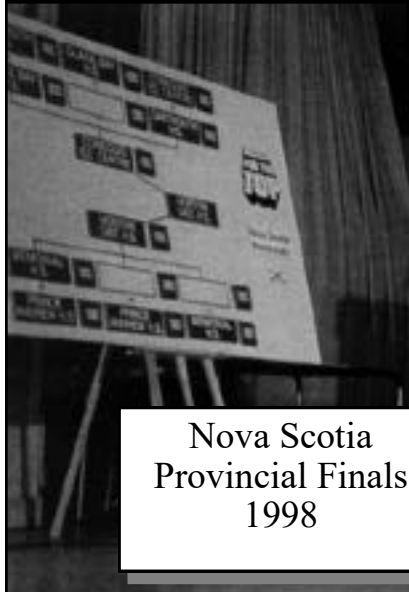
"They've ranked number one coming to and not to number one," the team Linneman said.

"If making teams anything then they should give us a one for our money."

In the end, though, Cansboro was victorious and Horton was not as they lost to Horton High School the top provincial team. Both teams in the final are eligible to move on to the national in Halifax after the end of May.

Bartlett said the team members were disappointed with the result.

"I think we first give an attitude and will be practicing so it won't be our last at the end."



Nova Scotia
Provincial Finals
1998

