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TO ALL SCHOOLREACH SUBSCRIBERS

1999-2000 TRANS-CANADA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Schoolreach Subscription Programme saw further expansion this year, especially at the Intermediate level, in Alberta which is the only province that runs Intermediate level Provincial Finals.

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. The big addition to this year's National Games schedule was, of course, the taping of these finals for **Canadian Learning Television**, a national cable broadcaster, at the **Access TV Studios** in Edmonton. The Alberta Provincials and the National Finals, 14 games in all, were taped at the end of May and broadcast during the first two weeks of 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.

The continuing support of our sponsors, at the National level, is greatly appreciated. Our Cross-Canada "Reach" thanks to: **Alberta Learning, Boston Mills Press, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Canadian Learning Television, The Churchill Society, The Edmonton Journal, The Edmonton Space Sciences Centre, Hushion House, McClelland & Stewart, North American Baptist College, Novonics Systems, and Random House of Canada.**

Our thanks to the teacher-coaches in every province who field teams, arrange play dates, ask ques-

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CLT Host Rod Tweddle and the National Champs-Merivale High School (Ottawa) Team Members: Chris Demerse, Evan Annett, Kyla Evcit, Maria Zlotorzynska, Matt Hogel and Andrew Batchelor. Coaches: Sheri Walker and Richard Mageau.

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NOVA SCOTIA REPORT

By Hans Budgey,
Nova Scotia Provincial Co-ordinator

The 1999-2000 Nova Scotia SCHOOLREACH season was generally successful in Nova Scotia. Thanks are owed to the district co-ordinators: **Eleanor Conrad**, Northern; **Beth Carruthers**, Metro; and **Joe Ryba**, Cape Breton; for their efforts in staging local competitions and qualifying events for the Provincials.

Nova Scotia Reach For The Top Provincial Championships

The 2000 Provincials were held at Windsor Regional High School (WRHS), for the fifth year, with Windsor Cable-Eastlink Community Television providing television coverage. The tournament took place over 2 days, Friday, April 28th and Saturday, April 29th, with most teams choosing to attend the pizza-pasta buffet event, held at a local restaurant. Day 1 featured a round-robin tournament, with all eight teams playing one another. The tournament utilized the quiz-mastery of **John Choisnet**-WRHS teacher, **Cameron Ellis**-Engineer Consultant and former RFTT Nationals Winner, **Jim Fetty**-retired Horton High teacher and SCHOOLREACH Coach and **Hamilton Maquire**-longtime Nova Scotia Provincial judge. The results were as follows.

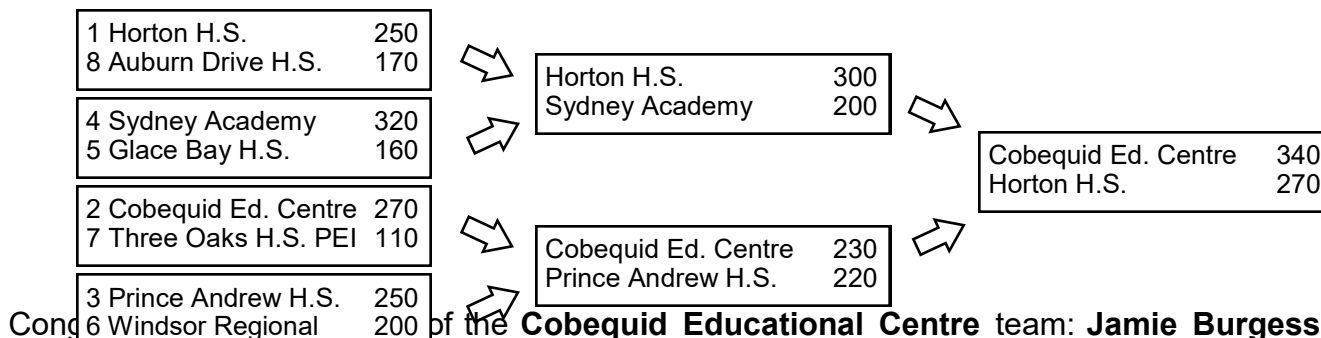
Rank	School	W	L	PF	PA	+/-
1 st	Horton High School	7	0	2520	1500	+1020
2 nd	Cobequid Ed. Centre	6	1	2300	1660	+640
3 rd	Prince Andrew H.S.	5	2	2210	1660	+550
4 th	Sydney Academy	3	4	2030	1810	+220
5 th	Glace Bay H.S.	2	5	1840	1960	-120
6 th	Windsor Regional H.S.	2	5	1380	2170	-790
7 th	Three Oaks H.S. (PEI)	2	5	1450	2250	-800
8 th	Auburn Drive H.S.	1	6	1500	2220	-720

On Saturday, the 7-game television series took place, with the following results:

Quarter Finals

Semifinals

Finals



Congratulations to the **Cobequid Educational Centre** team: **Jamie Burgess, Matthew Little, Ian Marov, Grant Parady, Stephen Tynes, and Grant VanZeumeren** and their coaches: **Marion Retson, Diane Powell, and Ray Boudreau**, who captured N.S. honours for the second straight year.

Many thanks to the numerous volunteers who assisted in staging this year's Provincials, especially **Adam Church**, who acted as chief statistician, timer and score-keeper for preliminary and Final tournament games.

NEW BRUNSWICK REPORT

By Bill Hay,
New Brunswick Provincial Co-ordinator

The 1999-2000 Reach year began with great promise in New Brunswick. The Deputy Minister of Education, **Dennis Cochrane**, had as one of his priorities that more high schools become involved in Reach For The Top. He also hired **Diane Gillett** as Provincial Co-ordinator of School Activities, and one of her many duties was to help organize and promote Reach activities in the schools. Meetings had also been arranged with production staff at Fundy Cable in attempts to get Reach For The Top back on television.

In the fall, Fundy Cable was sold to Shaw Cable and the people involved with discussions on Reach For The Top no longer had jobs with the company. In the spring, Deputy Minister Cochrane announced that he had accepted a similar job in Nova Scotia.

However, Diane Gillett helped with organizing and promoting Reach, and we ended the year with a new enthusiasm. A provincial Planning Committee was formed and the first meeting was in November. Diane was able to convince the Provincial Government that new buzzers were necessary, and \$6,000 was made available for purchase. Also, communication was made with high schools in the province to purchase a buzzer system and join SCHOOLREACH for 2000-2001 and the promotion has been successful. In addition, there is still a possibility of some TV production for next year.

Five major tournaments were held this school year in St. Andrews, Miramichi, Hampton, Nackawic, and Oromocto. **James. M. Hill** teams were successful in the first four tournaments but lost a close quarter-final game to **Bathurst High** in the final tournament. Last year's second-place team, **Hampton High**, defeated **Oromocto High** in this Provincial Championship Tournament and traveled to Edmonton to represent New Brunswick at the National Playoffs.

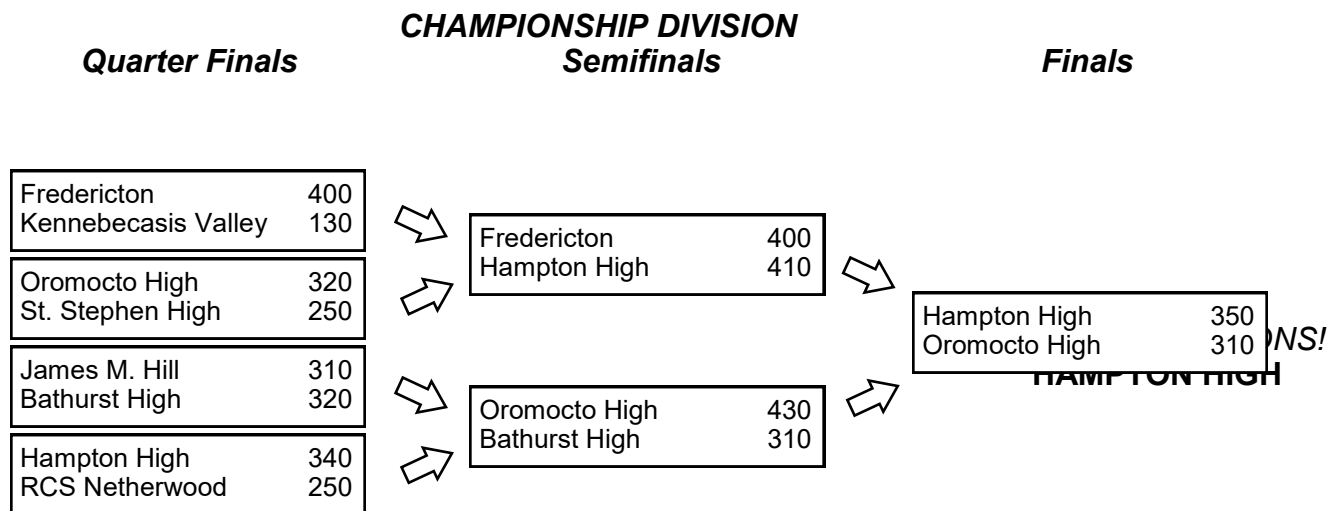
Congratulations to the Champion **Hampton** team members are **Andy Brown, Linda Gallant, Brent McCumber,** and **Tania White**. The first-year coach/advisor is **Allen Steeves**.

Also, thank you to all coaches/advisors for the quality time contributed to the success of Schoolreach in 1999-2000.

NEW BRUNSWICK Provincial Championship Tournament Results, OROMOCTO

Grade 9/10 Division Champion – **Kennebecasis Valley High**

Non-Championship Final: **Fredericton High #2 330 – Hampton High #2 310**



ONTARIO REPORT

By Paul Russell
Director—Reach For The Top

This year, **Neil Payne** and his team from **Kingston Collegiate** and Vocational School offered to host the Provincial Finals. This was the first time that the provincials were set in eastern Ontario and it proved to be a popular decision. The teams arrived by car and train to register on Saturday May 13th 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 Ban Righ Hall. The Games continued the next two days at K.C.V.I., a short walk away. The guest speaker at the Banquet was long-time coach **Richard Mageau** from Nepean, who pointed out the excellent calibre of students that played “Reach”.

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; the K.C.V.I. team members who helped to make all of the visiting teams comfortable in their venerable school 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.

Provincial Finals from Kingston Collegiate Vocational Institute, Kingston

Quarter finals

Semifinals

Finals

1 Leaside	440
8 Ridley College	510
4 University of Toronto	490
5 Blakelock	310
3 Kingston C.V.I.	440
6 Newmarket	480
2 Merivale	430
7 St. Michaels	290



Ridley College	410
University of Toronto	340
Newmarket	330
Merivale	590



Ridley College	330
Merivale	590

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS
see www.reachforthetop.com

Congratulations to the Ontario Provincial Champions: **Merivale High School**. Members: **Chris Demerse, Evan Annett, Kyla Evcit, Maria Zlotorzyska, Matt Hogel** and **Andrew Batchelor**. Coaches: **Sheri Walker** and **Richard Mageau**.

DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY

(Continued from Front Cover)

tions, 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..



MANITOBA REPORT

By Murray Karlicki,
Manitoba Provincial Co-ordinator

Manitoba's teams were very competitive this year. Most regional winners were decided in the last tournament of the season, which made for an exciting provincial playoff. We also had a new team from **Roscau Valley** and a returning team from **Morris**. This year also was the first time Manitoba results were available on the net (see www.techplus.com/ccj).

This year's senior provincials were hosted by **Carberry Collegiate**. The following schools competed: **Carman, Carberry, Dauphin, Silver Heights, St. Paul's, Grant Park, Joseph Wolinsky, and Pinawa.**

Round Robin Results:

Pool A:	W/L Pts.	Semi-Finals	Finals
Joseph Wolinsky	3-0 (1250 pts.)	Silver Heights 320	St. Paul's 400
Dauphin	2-1 (1150 pts.)	Joseph Wolinsky 280	
Pool B:	W/L Pts.	St. Paul's 380	
St. Paul's	3-0 (1320 pts.)	Dauphin 280	
Silver Heights	2-1 (1080 pts.)		

The intermediate league provincial playoffs were hosted by **Kay Condra** and **Balmoral Hall School**, with the top four teams competing.



Round Robin Results:

	W/L Pts.	Finals	
Kelvin	3-0 (1210 pts.)	Kelvin 430	
Pinawa	2-1 (1150 pts.)		Pinawa 330
Teulon	1-2 (950 pts.)		
Balmoral Hall	0-3 (840 pts.)		

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

IF YOU HAVE NEWS THAT YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH SCHOOLREACH-REACH FOR THE TOP SUBSCRIBERS, PLEASE EMAIL US : mail@reachforthetop.com AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO INCLUDE IT ONLINE: www.reachforthetop.com And please check out our site!

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ALBERTA REPORT

By Chris Zarski,
Alberta Provincial Co-ordinator

The 1999-2000 Schoolreach year was a very exciting time for Alberta teams. More teams have joined our 'family' and the Junior leagues continue to grow. For the first time, our intermediate and senior provincials were held at two different locations, partly because our Senior Provincial Games were tied to the television taping schedule for the National Championships.

Kim Brodie, Steve Lush, the staff and students of **Fox Creek** put together an absolutely awesome Intermediate provincial Championship. Every detail was looked after. Readers, judges, scorekeepers and community support were nothing short of outstanding. Fourteen teams attended the playoff tournament extended over two days. After some very exciting competition, the top four teams were as follows:

Wetaskiwin Composite	First
Lindsay Thurber #1 Composite	Second
Lindsay Thurber #2 Composite	Third
William E. Hay (Stettler)	Fourth

We definitely have some strong potential senior teams coming forward.

Our Senior Provincials were held at the North American Baptist College in Edmonton with **Gerard Redmond School** in Hinton taking on the responsibility of hosting. The Seniors had a special treat as they enjoyed a five game, divisional round robin competition and then seven final games played in the studios of Access TV (Canadian Learning Television). It was a great learning experience for everyone and proved very exciting. Twelve teams took part in the initial divisional round-robin tournament with eight teams advancing to the final set of games. The four teams advancing to the quarter finals were:

Lindsay Thurber (Red Deer)
Vanier (Edson)
Calmar (Calmar)
Paul Kane (St. Albert)

Advancing to the semi-finals:

Lindsay Thurber (130)
Paul Kane (250)

This was the third time that **Paul Kane** and **Lindsay Thurber** met in provincial finals. This year, Paul Kane earned the 'bragging rights'. Congratulations!!

Both Paul Kane and Lindsay Thurber advanced to the National Playoffs Tournament, held the next day, at North American Baptist College in Edmonton.

BROADCAST

REACH FOR THE TOP was broadcast on the national cable channel, **Canadian Learning Television**, which is on many local cable systems throughout Canada (check with the local cable provider in your area) as well as Star Choice DTH Satellite Systems.

The shows were broadcast weekdays, May 29 through June 15 at 5:30 p.m. MST with a repeat at 9:30 p.m. MST.

The Alberta Provincials Finals were broadcast May 29 through June 6 and the National Finals were broadcast June 7 through June 15.



BRITISH COLUMBIA REPORT

By Eric Stewart,
British Columbia Provincial Co-ordinator

There was a slight increase in schools subscribing to Schoolreach this year, one in the Richmond Zone and another in the Maple Ridge Zone. This brings a total of eighteen schools scattered around the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island.

There was a Junior Tournament involving Grades 8-10 held in March. Medallions and a trophy were awarded to the top three schools.

The Senior Tournament was held on April 14, in which 14 schools participated and likewise, medallions and a trophy were awarded to the top three schools, **University Hill, St. George's and Transition School**. The first two schools represented British Columbia in the Nationals.

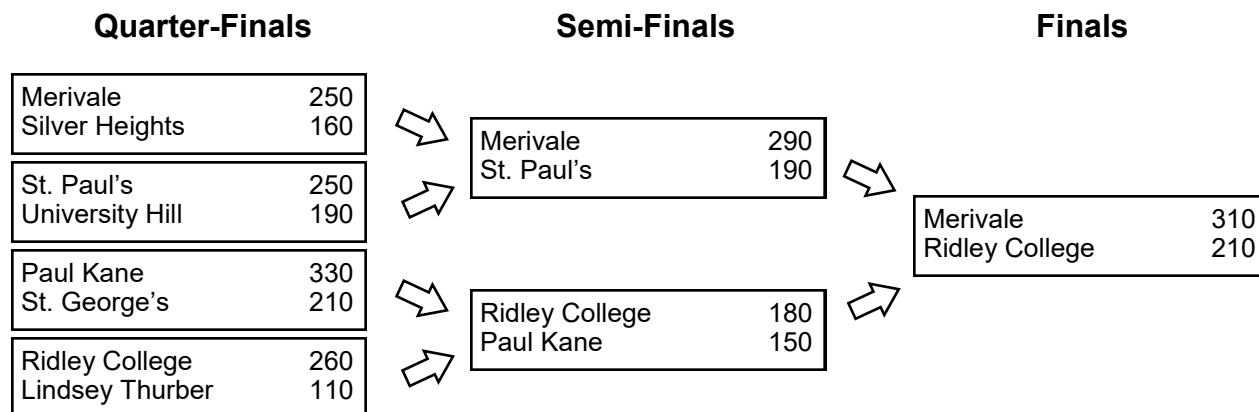
Next year will see an attempt to bring in schools from Delta, which will allow their regional TV station to tape the Provincials.

NATIONAL REPORT

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

Alberta was privileged to host the National Finals, in Edmonton, with students staying at the North American Baptist College, on the southern edge of the city. Ten teams representing British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were present. After a nine-game round robin tournament, the top eight teams advanced to the finals, played out before the television cameras at the studios of Canadian Learning Television. The studio set, which echoed the classic look of an ancient Roman amphitheatre, could only be described as innovative and creative.

The production crew was fast and efficient and made everyone comfortable during a full day of television taping.



Merivale High School from Ottawa is the National Champion for 1999-2000
Team Captain: Chris Demerse, Evan Annett, Kyla Evcit, Maria Zlotorzynska,
Matt Hogel and Andrew Batchelor. Coaches: Sheri Walker and Richard Mageau.

While the teams were in Edmonton, they had the opportunity to tour, take in the Edmonton Space and Science Centre, and West Edmonton Mall. In addition, they had many opportunities to get to know one another in the gymnasium and games room. Some even tried their hands at ten pin bowling. We greatly enjoyed meeting all of the teams and having them visit our province.

BULLETIN BOARD



High school students still reaching for the top

THE BRANDON SUN

CARBERRY — Who Wants to be a Teenage Quiz Champion?

Some of Manitoba's brainiest high school students will be in Carberry April 24 when the town hosts the provincial Reach for the Top tournament.

Students from Carberry, Joseph Wolinsky, Silver Heights, Carman, St. Paul's, Grant Park, Dauphin and Pinawa high schools will compete in the day-long round-robin tournament, with the winner moving on to the national championship in Edmonton in May.

Carberry finished first in its region to reach the provincial tournament, beating students in Rivers, Portage la Prairie and Brandon.

Unlike the American hit game show *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*, students won't be competing for big buck prizes, but the questions are bound to be a tad more taxing, said provincial co-ordinator and Carberry coach Murray Karlicki.

"Especially when you look at the first few questions on *Millionaire*, those are pretty much gimmes," Karlicki said.

Students can expect to field questions on everything from math, science, history and current events to Canadian politics, art and music.

Using practice game packages and other resources, Karlicki has been drilling students every second day over lunch hour in preparation for the competition.

"The game packages give the kids an idea of the kinds of questions that might be asked, not necessarily the exact questions of course," he said.

The competition is open to the public but Karlicki isn't expecting the event to attract the same number of people a championship basketball or volleyball game would.

Once a television staple, interest in Reach for the Top has waned somewhat since CBC took the quiz show off the air a decade ago.

"When I think back to when it was on television, pretty well anyone I ever talk to about it says 'Oh yeah, I used to watch it all the time,'" Karlicki said.

"You kind of wonder why CBC did take it off the air."



CBC dropped Reach for the Top in 1984. It was bought by a company that continued to run the competition between high schools.

REACH FOR THE TOP FINALS TO BE TELEVISED NATIONALLY

PART OF QUIZ SHOW FAD

BY FRANCINE DURE

After a 16-year absence, *Reach for the Top* will return to national television next week, but without the familiar domino rows of students — the new version puts the academic heavyweights on a set designed to look like a Roman coliseum.

"They're gladiators of the mind," said co-producer Eric Rice.

Eight teams from across Canada will compete weeknights from June 7-15 for the national championship on Canadian Learning Television. The winners get bragging rights, trophies and medals.

Reach for the Top, first produced by CBC Vancouver in 1961, made its national debut five years later.

CBC dropped the program in 1984, and it was bought by a company that continued to run *Reach for the Top* competitions between high schools. Occasionally, local channels would broadcast the competitions.

Mr. Rice said the decision to beam the national finals across the country was made because of the returning popularity of quiz shows, such as *Who Wants to be a Millionaire* and *Jeopardy!*, and also because it is part of CLT's mandate to promote education.

Kim Campbell, 53, Canada's consul-general in Los Angeles, and a former prime minister, was an early contestant on *Reach for the Top*, when she was a high school student in Vancouver.

"I wish I knew half of what I knew then," she said yesterday. "The old frontal lobes aren't what they used to be."

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Ontario Provincial Finalists from **Merivale High School** (Ottawa): Chris Demerse, Evan Annett, Kyla Evcit, Maria Zlotorzynska, Matt Hogel and Andrew Batchelor. Coaches: Sheri Walker and Richard Mageau & **Ridley College** (St. Catherines): Jim Sensenbrenner, Michael Fraser, Simon Bentley, Geoff Grove and Joey Turner. Coach: Paul Lafrance.

Q & A

Which British landmark was moved brick by brick to Arizona?

(The London Bridge)

In Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, which type of bird is Chanticleer?

(A rooster)

What country on the west coast of Africa was founded by freed U.S. slaves?

(Liberia)