

THE  
REACH  
NEWS



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DIRECTORS' SUMMARY

The big "Reach" news of 2002-2003 was the expansion of televised Ontario Provincial Finals (TVO) and British Columbia Provincial Finals (Knowledge Network) each to a 14 game series, to be aired starting in September, culminating with the National Finals which, for the fourth season, were taped by Canadian Learning Television, this time in Toronto.

At the national level, the new List Question formats was introduced. The List Question joined the Relay and the Shoot-Out—so look for 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.

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.

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

Congratulations to everyone involved in "Reach" for a year of successful games and best wishes for a relaxing summer.

Paul Russell and Robert Jeffrey

2002-2003 TRANS-CANADA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Congratulations to the  
2002-2003 Champions  
*University of Toronto Schools***



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# NOVA SCOTIA REPORT

By Hans Budgey,  
Nova Scotia Provincial Co-ordinator

A successful 2002-2003 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 26<sup>th</sup>, the non-televised round-robin tournament ended with Halifax West High School in first place overall. The round-robin standings were as follows...

Rank	Team	W	L	PF	PA	Diff.
1	Halifax West High School	7	0	2190	1390	+800
2	Horton High School	6	1	2450	1710	+740
3	Dartmouth High School	5	2	2040	1670	+370
4	Cobequid Educational Centre	3	4	2300	1800	+500
5	Sydney Academy	3	4	1720	1760	-40
6	Parkview Education Centre	3	4	1750	1910	-160
7	Pugwash District High School	1	6	1160	2300	-1140
8	South Colchester High School	0	7	1150	2220	-1070

On Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, the finals were held (un-televised for the first time in 7 years). Using seeding results from Day 1 of the competition, the following playoffs took place:

### Quarter Finals

1 Halifax West H.S. 370  
8 South Colchester HS 220

4 Cobequid Ed. Centre 410  
5 Sydney Academy 170

2 Horton High School WBD  
7 Pugwash District HS DL

3 Dartmouth H. S. 450  
6 Parkview Ed. Centre 150

### Semifinals

Halifax West H.S. 370  
Cobequid Ed. Centre 430

Horton High School 410  
Dartmouth H. S. 280

### Finals

Cobequid Ed. Centre 280  
Horton High School 660

WBD=Win By Default DL=Default Loss

**Congratulations to Horton High School. Fraser Ash, Peter Crouse, Ben Forsyth, Ben Mitchell, Jane Sponagle, Ned Zimmerman and Coaches Lennie Comeau and Barry Leslie.**

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

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# NEW BRUNSWICK REPORT

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

This past year has been an exciting one for Reach For The Top in New Brunswick. The Reach For The Top Advisory committee, brought together by Provincial Co-ordinator of Student Activities Diane Gillett, last year completed work on a guideline folder for the operation of Reach in New Brunswick. This folder will now go out to every high school in New Brunswick in September. The folder includes all information needed to set up and run Reach For The Top in schools, as well as information to organize tournaments. Members of the Advisory Committee are Sean Newlands (Nackawic High), Jonathan Logan (Sir James Dunn), Lloyd Cameron (James M. Hill), Mary Savoie (Saint John High), and Chair Bill Hay (Oromocto High).

Twelve teams entered the championship draw at the Oromocto Tournament on April 26. After a three-game round robin in each of three sections, and a quarter final, four teams were set for the semi-finals: Fredericton High, St. John High, Riverview and Oromocto. Fredericton and St. John met in the final with Fredericton High the victor. The Fredericton High Junior team also won the "B" section with an exciting ten point margin over Southern Victoria. KVHS and St. John High were the other semi-final teams.

Thank you to all 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 2002-2003.

A record was set this year for the number of tournaments. In the fall we visited Carleton North in Bristol, Sir James Dunn in St. Andrews, and James M. Hill on the Miramichi. In 2003, St. John High and Riverview High had their initial tournaments in February and March, and Nackawic High and Oromocto High were the venues for April.

Teams from Fredericton High were winners at a number of these tournaments. The main challenges for FHS came from Kennebecasis Valley, St. John High, Riverview, and Oromocto High.

Congratulations to the Champion **Fredericton High team: Graeme Blake, John Fiset, John Landau, Dan Hagerman, Peter Nimigon, and Matt Fiset.** The coach advisor is **Heather Carson.**

Semifinals		Finals	
Fredericton	490	Fredericton	480
Oromocto High	340		
Saint John High	510	Saint John High	350
Riverview High	470		

# QUEBEC REPORT

It's my pleasure to inform you that once again Dawson College has emerged as the Quebec "Reach" Champion. This year we had 10 participating schools, divided into 5 high schools and 5 colleges.

Interestingly, 2 of the teams were organized and supervised by 2 very keen and mature students entirely without faculty coaching help! Many of our games were very close – 10 to 30 point spreads – which speaks well for the high quality of our competitions.

The winning and second-place teams (Dawson and Lower Canada College) were awarded prizes (gift certificates) thanks to the generous support of Dawson College. In addition, PEARSON PUBLISHING provided an assortment of books which we distributed to our players.

By *Ivan Gumbos*  
Quebec Provincial Co-ordinator

Congratulations to the Champion **Dawson College Team: James Phelan, Marco Barone, Padraic Scanlan, Alexander Jorgensen, Raphael Bouskila, Aaron Schachner** and Coach **Claire Sargeant.**

# ONTARIO REPORT

By Pat Beecham  
Judge, Ontario Provincial Finals

The Ontario Provincial Championships were held in Scarborough, Ontario in two parts over the Mother's Day weekend, May 10-12. In the first part, 38 league winners from across Ontario took part in a round robin tournament to determine the 14 teams that would advance to the TV round finals. This was held at Woburn C. I. in Scarborough. The teams stayed at University of Toronto, Scarborough College. The residences at Scarborough College were houses with kitchen facilities, and walk out patios. so each team could have it's own house. This provided a really nice atmosphere, different from the usual university dorm.

Our annual gala consisted of a delicious buffet dinner, lots of door prizes and an inspiring talk by Lan Ljang, a five time Jeopardy champion from Toronto, who got as high as the semi-finals in the Tournament of Champions. He had attended UTS in the days before they had a reach team. He spoke on curiosity and how important it is to be curious and ask questions about things around us.

It was interesting to note, as the games progressed, which teams remained undefeated, and which teams started to pick up more wins after a slow start. After all the games were played, the final results were tallied, and after some heart pounding suspense, the final teams were announced.

(Speaking as a judge, I think all thirty-eight teams were winners. All teams showed good sportsmanship and accepted final decisions without question. Congratulations to all league winners)

The 14 teams then moved on through the 15 final games. Never have I seen a tournament when there were so many close games. Many of the games, as you can see by the scores elsewhere in this newsletter were won by 20 points. Talk about cliff hangers! The final game came down to UTS, the defending champions, and Leaside H.S. which held the wild card spot.

This was real excitement, and the Quiz Master, Joe Motiki kept the pace going and kept the excitement building. He was an excellent quizmaster and fun to work with.

### Finals Games 1—8

1 University of Toronto	370
14 Assumption	210

2 John F. Ross	360
13 Leaside H.S.	410

3 South Secondary	260
12 Centennial	300

4 St. Michaels	330
11 Oakville-Trafalgar	340

5 Lisgar	380
10 Manitoulin	260

6 Merivale	290
9 Martingrove	310

7 Holy Cross	340
8 Brockville	280

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

7 John F. Ross	250
8 St. Michaels	230

Overall, this was an excellent tournament. The facilities at Woburn C.I. and at Scarborough College were great. It was a really nice location. This being the second year in Scarborough, there were no major technical glitches like buzzers failing in the middle of a game, Obviously, we had some success last year, as this year, we did 4 more shows for a total of 15. I think the 2003 Ontario championships were exciting and a great success, thanks to Paul and Bob and all the Reach Team, especially my co-judge, Ravi Lall.

### Finals Games 9-12 (Quarter Finals)

11 Oakville-Trafalgar	350
5 Lisgar	340

1 University of Toronto	340
2 John F. Ross	210

12 Centennial	280
9 Martingrove	320

13 Leaside H.S.	370
7 Holy Cross	250

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

11 Oakville-Trafalgar	280
1 University of Toronto	410

9 Martingrove	220
13 Leaside H.S.	480

### Finals Game 15 (The Finals)

1 University of Toronto	440
13 Leaside H.S.	170

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

Congratulations to **University of Toronto Schools: Marc Lizoain, Bikram Sidhu, Laura Davis, Jacob Baskin, Evan Dorey, Graham Beattie, Jordan Katz and Coach Fraser Simpson.**

# MANITOBA REPORT

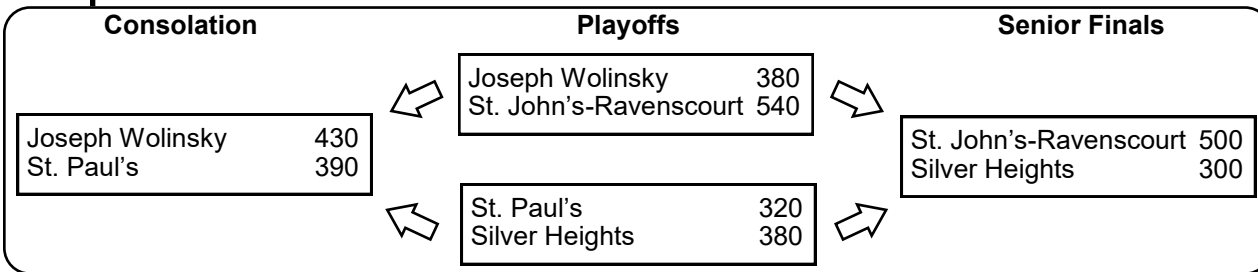
By Murray Karlicki,  
Manitoba Provincial Co-ordinator

Manitoba once again ran both Senior and Intermediate Leagues. Teams from Morris and Maples Collegiate were welcomed back into the league.

This year's Senior Provincials were hosted by Tom Blair and Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate in Winnipeg.

Pool A				
Rank	Team	W	L	Points
3	Joseph Wolinsky	2	1	1650
2	St. Paul's	3	0	1230
5	Garden Valley	1	2	720
8	Dauphin	0	3	510

Pool B				
Rank	Team	W	L	Points
1	St. John's-Ravenscourt	3	0	1770
6	Portage	1	2	660
7	Carberry	0	3	710
4	Silver Heights	2	1	1110



Congratulations to the team from **St. John's-Ravenscourt** for winning the Senior division. St. John's-Ravenscourt team members are **Rowan Dorin, Michael Lipnowski, Will Guest, David Brownell** and Coach **Frank Kores**.

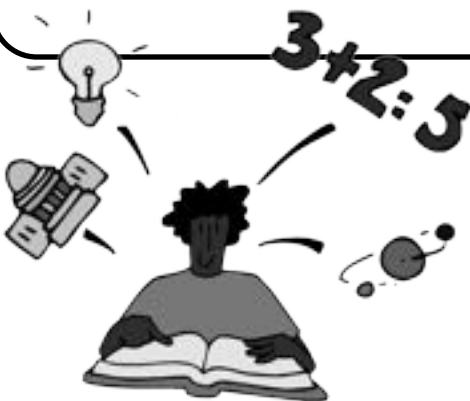
This year's Intermediate Playoffs were hosted by Hymie Rosenblatt and Grant Park High School

Rank	Team	W	L	Points
1	Grant Park	5	0	2290
2	Joseph Wolinsky	4	1	2080
3	St. John's Ravenscourt	2	3	1910
4	Kelvin	2	3	1580
5	Roseau Valley	2	3	1570
6	Carberry	0	5	770

Intermediate Finals	
Grant Park	370
Joseph Wolinsky	320

Congratulations to **Grant Park** for winning the Intermediate league this year.

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*

April was a busy time for the Alberta Reach For the Top Teams as they went into their provincial finals. The Intermediate and Junior Provincials were held at St. Augustine School in Ponoka. The staff of the school and their central office receive highest accolades for all the work they did in hosting the event. There were bright colored boards welcoming teams and identifying specific locations, an absolutely awesome banquet and enough door prizes to go around for all! The two days went very quickly with Calmar School taking first place, W.D. Cutts in second, Vanier in third and William E. Hay in fourth.

At the senior level, the teams traveled to Edmonton and were hosted for a seeding tournament at Harry Ainlay High School. The warm welcome and goodies that were provided for all were greatly appreciated. The next day was an early start as the teams headed to CLT (Canadian Learning Television) Station and started the provincial play downs. The wild card position this year, made a significant difference in the play as our wild card team placed second. Our final standings finished with **Wetaskiwin** in first, **Hanna** in second, **Harry Ainlay** in third and Oilfields, a new school to the Reach Family placing fourth.

The Alberta Teams extend their thanks to CLT for their continued support of our program. We continue to see a rise in the number of junior and this year, senior teams in the province. We hope to see more teams playing in Edmonton and Calgary in the future.

Have a great summer everyone!

Congratulations to **Wetaskiwin** the Alberta Provincial Champions

# BRITISH COLUMBIA REPORT

*By Eric Stewart,  
British Columbia Provincial Co-ordinator*

This year saw some new schools join from the Northern Interior (Nechako Valley) and Vancouver Island (Queen Margaret's), as well as zones in Vancouver, Richmond and Maple Ridge. The Intermediate tournament took place on March 7 at St. George's, with fourteen schools vying for the Intermediate Trophy as well as medallions for the top three schools. The winner this year was Transition School (UBC), followed by St. George's (Vancouver) and McRoberts School (Richmond).

The Senior Tournament once again was taped by Knowledge Network between April 1-4, and the number of schools involved was fourteen. In the end, St. George's kept it's winning streak of five straight years, followed by Sir Winston Churchill (Vancouver), which attended the Nationals for the first time, and third place went to Templeton School (Vancouver). Trophies and medallions were handed out to the top three teams as well as fleece jackets courtesy of Knowledge Network.

With the exposure of these games on television in late spring, it is hoped that more schools in the province will be encouraged to "reach for the top" next year. My thanks, as always, to the coaches of all teams and to all participants in Schoolreach.

Congratulations to **St. George's School** team members: **Adam Goldenberg, Stephen Hoia, Josh Chan, Jamie Tung, Alex Darling, Brandon Green, Sherman Irwin and Coach Eric Stewart.**

# NATIONAL FINALS REPORT

By Pat Beecham,  
National Finals Judge

The 2003 National Championships were held in Toronto May 25-27. Eleven teams from across the country arrived at Margaret Addison Hall at the University of Toronto ready to begin an eleven game round robin on Sunday, which would determine the seeding for the television games. The games were played in historic Victoria College, and the teams enjoyed the atmosphere and ambience of this beautiful location. The teams had to work very hard to play 11 games in one day. Considering that all the teams are champion teams, this was no problem.

After the 11 games were completed and the seeding for the TV shows was announced, the teams were treated to a fun dinner (with door prizes) at Flo's Diner in Yorkville. This gave the students a chance to explore Yorkville on their way, to see some of the "Haute Couture" salons, gallerias and trendy cafes in historic Yorkville. Thanks to all the teams that contributed to the door prizes, and brought pins to exchange.

After a tour of the many different facilities at CITY TV (MuchMusic, Bravo, Canadian Learning Television, to name a few, teams began play in the TV rounds. There were five elimination games, with UTS, last year's champion getting a bye into the quarter finals as they had ranked the highest in the round robin.

Many teams took the opportunity while they were in Toronto, to go out to dinner at some of the better known restaurants. At least one team went to a Blue Jays game and I think the Hockey Hall of Fame had a few visitors as well. Lots of relatives came to the TV tapings. After our tournament was completed many team members were invited to be part of an audience for a MuchMusic taping. It was also fun for team members to meet other teams from across the country and share experiences.

- This was how the teams were seeded and ranked after the round robin tournament:
1. UTS—Ontario
  2. St. George's School—BC
  3. Dawson College—Quebec
  4. Leaside High School—Ontario
  5. St. John's-Ravenscourt—Manitoba
  6. Lower Canada College-Quebec
  7. Fredericton High School— NB
  8. Silver Heights Collegiate-Manitoba
  9. Sir Winston Churchill S.S.—BC
  10. Horton High School—Nova Scotia
  11. J. C. Charyk Hanna—Alberta

Congratulations to **University of Toronto Schools: Marc Lizoain, Bikram Sidhu, Laura Davis, Jacob Baskin, Evan Dorey, Graham Beattie, Jordan Katz** and Coach **Fraser Simpson**.

We extend our sincere thanks to the **Canadian Learning Channel** for their continued support of the program.

Congratulations to all the teams for making it to the National Championships, and for representing their school, city and province so well. It was a very successful tournament and everyone is a winner. Thanks to Paul, Robert and all the Reach organization. Thanks also to my associate judge John Mackay.

St. George's School (BC)	400
J.C. Charyk Hanna (AB)	110
Dawson College (QC)	490
Horton High School (NS)	160
Leaside H.S. (ON)	410
Sir Winston Churchill S.S. (BC)	260
St. John's-Ravenscourt (MB)	540
Silver Heights Collegiate (MB)	340
Lower Canada College (QC)	260
Fredericton High School (NS)	400

St. John's-Ravenscourt (MB)	480
St. George's School (BC)	420
UTS (ON)	500
Fredericton High School (NS)	350
Dawson College (QC)	390
Leaside H.S. (ON)	340

\*Winners and top scoring losing team move on..

UTS (ON)	410
St. George's School (BC)	370
Dawson College (QC)	450
St. John's-Ravenscourt (MB)	330

UTS (ON)	490
Dawson College (QC)	250

# 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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