



# REACH NEWS



## DIRECTORS' SUMMARY

The 2005-2006 'Reach' season saw new subscriber schools across the country, particularly in British Columbia (*Eric Stewart*, Provincial Co-ordinator) and Ontario (*Daniel Hill*, Provincial Co-ordinator)

On television, fifty-six programmes were packaged for broadcast in association with our broadcast partners: CLT, TVO, Access and the Knowledge Network (See page 8 for full broadcast schedules).

Check our website at [www.reachforthetop.com](http://www.reachforthetop.com) 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 (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; to the editorial board of 'Reach', Pat Beecham, Jane Kay, John Mackay and Erin McMullan; and to the National Tournament producer Daniel Hill, and associate producers Eric Novakovics and Richard Koo.

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

**Paul Russell**  
Director, Reach For The Top

## FUN AT THE FINALS! BROADCAST SCHEDULES FOR NATIONAL FINALS AND THE ALBERTA, BRITISH COLUMBIA & ONTARIO PROVINCIAL FINALS ON PAGE 8



Kennebecasis Valley (N.B.) team in front of the Alberta Legislature.

Thanks to the continuing support of our sponsors, at the

..... National level, is greatly appreciated. Our Cross-Canada "Reach" thanks to:



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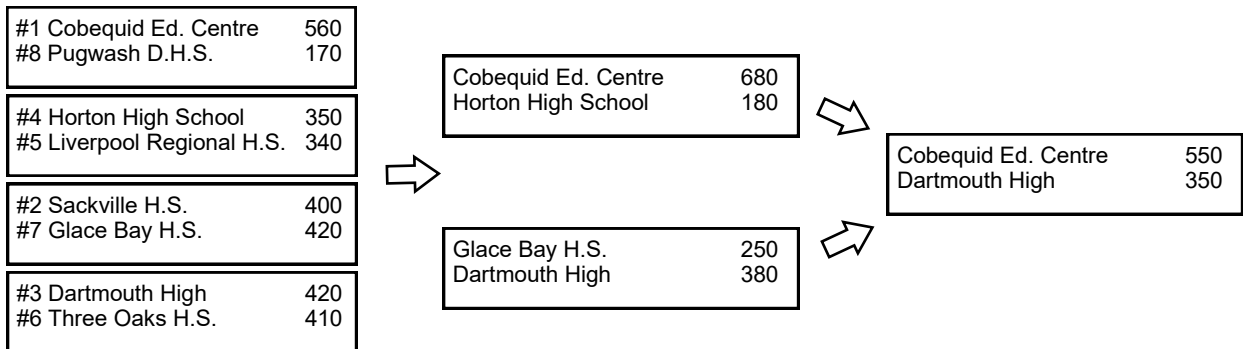
# NOVA SCOTIA REPORT

*By Hans Budgey,  
Nova Scotia Provincial Co-ordinator*

A successful 2005-2006 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 29th, 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	7	0	3260	1360	+1900
2	Sackville High School	6	1	2620	1630	+990
3	Dartmouth High	4	3	2010	2200	-190
4	Horton High School	3	4	1950	2060	-110
5	Liverpool Regional High School	3	4	1820	2170	-350
6	Three Oaks High School	3	4	1810	2280	-470
7	Glace Bay High School	1	6	1710	2160	-450
8	Pugwash District High School	1	6	1380	2700	-1320

On Sunday, April 30th, the finals were held; using the seeding from Day 1 of the competition, the following playoff schedule took place:



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



Congratulations to the **Cobequid Educational Centre** team members:  
**Ryan Andrews, Charles Eyrich, Kelsey MacKenzie, Anna-Marie Manley, John McCormack, Dainus Nams** and Coach:  
**Nicole Hart.**

# NEW BRUNSWICK REPORT

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

The past year was a very busy one for New Brunswick Reach for the Top students and advisors. The 2005-2006 Reach for the Top season had an exciting beginning with an invitational tournament held in St. Andrews on November 19<sup>th</sup> with 24 teams competing in two divisions. Kennebecasis Valley High #1 beat Fredericton High #1 in the "A" final and Bernice MacNaughton beat FHS #2 in the "B" Final. The next invitational tournament was held at St. Malachy's High on December 10<sup>th</sup> with 24 teams competing. KVHS #1 defeated FHS #1 again in the "A" Final. The third invitational tournament was held at Kennebecasis High on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> with 24 teams competing. Again KVHS beat FHS in the "A" Final. The fourth tournament was held at Saint John High on March 18<sup>th</sup> with 12 teams competing. Once again KVHS was victorious in the "A" Final. The final invitational tournament was held in Nackawic on April 8<sup>th</sup> with 20 teams competing. KVHS was again the "A" winner. Saint John High beat KVHS #2 in the "B" Final. Congratulations to all the tournament winners and participants as we were all winners, coming home with more knowledge than when we arrived.

The Provincial Tournament was hosted by Fredericton High School on April 22<sup>nd</sup> with 10 teams competing in the Championship Section and 15 teams competing in the Non-Championship Section. Kennebecasis High was victorious over Bernice MacNaughton High in the Championship final in an excellent, fast paced game to claim the Provincial Championship. KVHS #3 beat KVHS #2 in a nail biter Non-Championship final 360 to 350. Kennebecasis High was a formidable opponent this season and we wish them every success at the National Tournament in Edmonton.

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.

Once again, Thank you to all the coaches/advisors, tournament organizers, volunteer quizmasters and the many others for the time you gave to the success of the Reach for the Top in New Brunswick during the 2005-2006 school year.

Congratulations to the Champion  
**Kennebecasis Valley H.S.** team members:  
**Sean Thompson, Jennifer Stephen, David Lenton, Morgan Gagnon, Will Koncovy,** and  
Coaches **Jason Thorne and Yvan Pelletier**

# QUEBEC REPORT

By Ivan Gombos  
Quebec Provincial Co-ordinator

Labour negotiations in the public sector took its toll on "Reach" participation during the past year in Quebec. Instead of adding new schools to our existing ones, we lost 2 of the schools from the previous year. Nevertheless, we were able to form two Leagues: one consisting of C.E.G.E.P.S. and the other of 3 high schools. The 4 top schools from these 7 then competed in a Championship Tournament held at Dawson College on May 3rd. Once again, all 4 teams exhibited an amazing range of general knowledge, making for several exciting matches. In the final round, Dawson defeated a very strong team from Lower Canada College, thus emerging Quebec Champions yet another year.

To balance some of the negative influences mentioned at the beginning of this report, we did have an additional treat this year. A group of Concordia University students filmed many of our games and produced a documentary which also included interviews with our coaches, organizers, etc. The general public was invited to the showing of this documentary at Concordia University on May 3rd.

We hope that next year we can enjoy a larger participation in the 7th year of Quebec's "Reach For The Top", in a more peaceful labour climate.



Congratulations to the Champion **Dawson College** team members: **Liana Balinsky-Baker, Samuel Krymalowski, Brian Liberman, David Mamana, Brandon Moyses, Liam Peuckert,** and Coach **Janet Wyman.**

# ONTARIO REPORT

By Pat Beecham  
Judge, Ontario Provincial Finals

The Ontario Provincial Championships were held in Scarborough, Ontario May 13-16. 38 league winners from across Ontario took part in a round robin tournament to determine the 10 teams that would advance to the TV round finals, held at Pope John Paul II School in Scarborough. The teams stayed at University of Toronto, Scarborough College in residences which houses with kitchen facilities, and walk out patios, providing for a really nice laid-back atmosphere.

After registration, teams gathered at Pope John Paul II school in the courtyard for roll call, discussion of rules and procedures, and schedules for team captains, and a lovely binder was presented to the teacher-coaches. The teams then played a practice game. This allowed everyone to become familiar with the process, and the layout of the school.

On Saturday evening teams attended an excellent banquet at Scarborough College, and Fraser Simpson, coach of the University of Toronto School team ran a true or false trivia contest which was lots of fun and had some very nice prizes contributed by our sponsors and several teams.

The actual 7 game tournament was played on Sunday. The top ten teams advanced to the TV round, and were determined first on games won, then on total points scored. This year there was a tie for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> position with each team winning the same number of games and scoring the same number of total points, so a sudden death playoff of snappers was held with the first winner of a snapper being declared the 6<sup>th</sup> place finisher.

On Monday and Tuesday, teams arrived at the TV studio (StudiOasis) for the tapings of the eleven game TV finals. Nicole Stamp was our outstanding quiz master again this year, and as usual did an excellent job of keeping the suspense going. There were several very close games with just 10 or 20 points between the winning and losing teams.

Overall, this was another excellent tournament. Many thanks to Teresa Chung, the coach of the John Paul II team and her team of volunteers for providing the facilities for playing the tournament and also a pizza lunch on Sunday.

Thanks also to Fraser Simpson for not only organizing the True or False game for the banquet on Saturday evening, but also for preparing a list of reading and judging hints for the teacher-coaches during the tournament.

Also, thanks to the crew for TVO, Sidney Cohen the producer, Anne Francis, the associate producer, Vlad, the floor manager and all the other technicians, make-up artists, audience organizers involved in the production of the TV series.

Thanks to the entire Reach staff, Paul Russell, Eric Novakovics, Richard Koo, Erin McMullen, Daniel Hill, Vijaya Selvaraju. A big thank you to Ravi Lall, my co-judge for his unflappable wisdom and foresight that went so far to make this tournament and championship so successful.

Congratulations to all 38 teams who made it to the Provincial Championships. You are all winners. Many of the next top ten teams could have been in the finals, so close were the games in the tournament. Well done, everyone!

Congratulations to **Woburn C.I.** team members: **Sinan Ulusoy, Ron Dayaram, Scott Reynolds, Evan Akriotis, Andy Hunter,** and Coach **Rosemary Enright**

## Finals Games 1—5

1 Woburn	490
10 Oakville-Trafalgar	150

2 Lisgar	360
9 Univ. of Toronto Schools	370

3 Central S.S. (London)	420
8 C.H.A.T. Richmond Hill*	400

4 Assumption	400
7 Newmarket	390

5 South Secondary-London	340
6 Vincent Massey	360

\*highest scoring loser moves on.

## Finals Games 6-8

Woburn	470
C.H.A.T. Richmond Hill	270

Central S.S. (London)*	330
Univ. of Toronto Schools	440

Assumption	460
Vincent Massey	290

\*highest scoring loser moves on.

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

Woburn	590
Central S.S. (London)*	210

Assumption	300
Univ. of Toronto Schools	490

\*wild card.

## Finals Game 15 (The Finals)

Woburn	450
Univ. of Toronto Schools	300

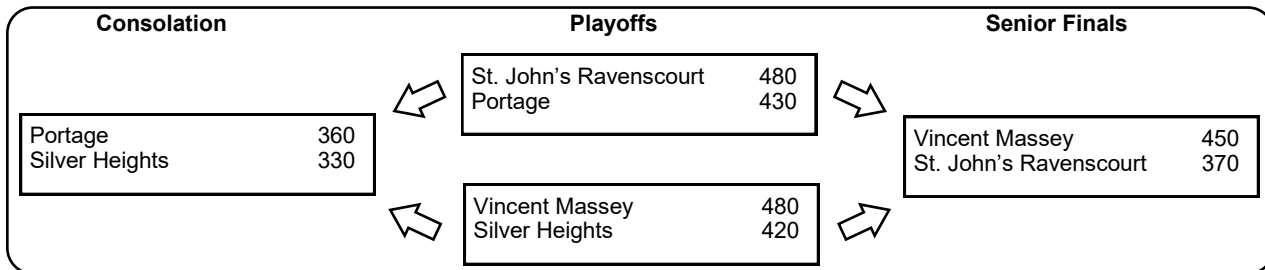
# MANITOBA REPORT

By Murray Karlicki,  
Manitoba Provincial Co-ordinator

Manitoba once again ran both Senior and Intermediate leagues. New teams from Churchill High and Reston were welcomed into the league this year. This year's Senior provincials were hosted by Murray Karlicki at Carberry Collegiate. The results were as follows:

Pool A			
Team	W	L	Points
Vincent Massey	3	0	1300
Portage	2	1	1290
Kelvin	1	2	1340
Shevchenko	0	3	720

Pool B			
Team	W	L	Points
St. John's Ravenscourt	3	0	1370
Silver Heights	2	1	1210
Carberry	1	2	950
Miles Macdonell	0	3	660



Congratulations to **Vincent Massey** for winning the Senior division. Vincent Massey team members : **Jeff Tompkins, Scott Hayward, Devon McIntyre, Matt Morrissette**, and their coach **Ray McLachlan**.

The Intermediate playoffs were hosted by Janet Gould and Scott Hartnell at Gray Academy: The round-robin results and Intermediate Finals results are as follows:

Intermediate Tournament			
Team	W	L	Points
Gray	4	1	2290
St. John's Ravenscourt	4	1	1840
Carberry	3	2	1550
Garden Valley	2	3	1400
Kelvin	1	4	1420
Rosenort	1	4	1200

Intermediate Finals	
St. John's-Ravenscourt	270
Gray	400

Congratulations to the Intermediate league winners from **Gray** team members: **Michael Schwartz, Binyamin Cohen, Adam Kaplan, Sam Shuster, Joey Frohlinger, and Aaron Micflikier**.



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

# ALBERTA REPORT

*By Paul Russell with material from Chris Zarski,  
Alberta Provincial Co-ordinator*

Alberta saw play in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions with over forty schools participating across the province.

The eleven game Senior Finals were taped by CLT at the CityTV Jasper Ave. Studio in downtown Edmonton in late April.

The Senior Provincial Final playoff pitted Wetaskiwin School against Harry Ainlay Composite. Special thanks to all the coaches and parent volunteers who continue to make these great opportunities for our kids!



Congratulations to **Harry Ainlay Composite** team members: **Edmond Chen, Zak Selman-Palmer, Dennis Goulden, David Wang, Kristen Climenhaga** and Coach **Wayne Lavold**.

# BRITISH COLUMBIA REPORT

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

This year saw another significant increase in the popularity of Schoolreach in the province. Forty-four schools subscribed giving representation to many new areas including Interior schools. Zones now include Vancouver, the North Shore, Richmond, Burnaby, Maple Ridge and Surrey. New schools in Kamloops, Clearwater, Logan Lake and Nakusp have opened up the interior region of the province and an increase is expected in participation on Vancouver Island.

The Intermediate tournament was held at St. John's School in Vancouver on March 31 and thirty schools were involved. St. George's, UBC Transition School and Winston Churchill School were the top three winners. A trophy and medals were awarded to these schools. Many thanks to the host coach Susan Liang and former Ontario coach Richard Mageau, now living in BC, for all of their work in organizing the biggest junior tournament to date.

On the senior level, a seeding tournament was held on April 7 in order to determine the top twenty-four schools out of thirty-six participants. Once again, this was the largest tournament of its kind and kudos to Donna Choo of Winston Churchill for organizing this event.

Those twenty-four schools top senior schools were taped by Knowledge Network over the last week of April in a new format that greatly enhanced the visual product. An upset took place when Windermere School of Vancouver beat six time champion St. George's in the final game. McRoberts Secondary, from Richmond, placed third and the two top teams will represent the province at the Nationals in Edmonton. Thanks are in order to Dan Moscrip of Knowledge Network for his ideas and production skills.

It has been a banner year for Reach in BC and my deep thanks are extended to all coaches and administrators for their support of the program. We look forward to more involvement next year as the network promotes the upcoming provincial and national televised series.



Congratulations to **Windermere C.S.S.** team members: **Michelle Ta, Andy Lei, Ricky Yap, George His, Natasha D'Souza, Mo Chen, Phillip Jang**, and coach **Maggie Przyborowska**.

# NATIONAL FINALS REPORT

By Paul Russell,  
National Editor

The **Reach For The Top Cross-Canada Finals** were held May 27-30, with students staying in the new student residence at the downtown campus of **Grant MacEwan College**, in the heart of Edmonton, Alberta.

Eleven teams representing British Columbia (**Windermere, St. George's**), Alberta (**Harry Ainlay, Sturgeon Comp.**), Manitoba (**Vincent Massey, St. John's Ravenscourt**), Ontario (**Woburn Coll., University of Toronto Schools**), Quebec (**Dawson College**), New Brunswick (**Kennebecasis Valley**) and Nova Scotia (**Cobequid Ed. Centre**), were present.

After a seven-game seeding tournament, played at Harry Ainlay High School, all teams advanced to the eleven game finals, played out before the television cameras at the Jasper Ave. studios of Edmonton's City TV. The production crew was fast and efficient and made everyone comfortable during a full two-days of television taping.

While the teams were in Edmonton, they had the opportunity to visit the Alberta Legislature and West Edmonton Mall, enjoy a meal together at a downtown diner and exchange pins and opinions about the game and how to win. And speaking of winning, they were in 'the City of Champions' to share in Edmonton's excitement over the Oilers triumph in the NHL's Western Division on Sunday night.

All teams were highly skilled and evenly matched. A team's domination of any game in the series was never assured. This makes for exciting television. Watch the Nationals of **Reach For The Top** to see who won the series.

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*Left: BC Provincial Finals Set  
Below: After dinner trivia with  
Fraser Simpson, U.T.S.  
Right: On the set of the  
National Finals in Edmonton*



# BROADCAST SCHEDULES

Please check the Reach website - [www.reachforthetop.com](http://www.reachforthetop.com) - for updated schedules.

Canadian Learning Television will air the **2006 Alberta Provincial Finals, 2006 National Finals, 2006 Ontario Provincial Finals, & 2006 B.C. Provincial Finals** :



Beginning **Sept 24, 2006**

- Sundays at 3:00 pm EST / 12 noon PT
- And repeated Mondays at 9:30 am EST / 6:30 am PT

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.

The 2006 BC Provincial Finals, followed by the National Finals, will begin airing on **Knowledge Network** from **May 15 to August 6** on...



- Mondays at 7:30 PT
- Tuesdays at 7:30 PT
- Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, and at 6:30 pm
- Fridays at 6:30 pm
- Saturdays from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- Sundays from 1:00 pm—2 pm

The 2006 Alberta Provincial Finals and National Finals programs will air on **Access Television** :



- 2006 Alberta Provincial Finals: July 3-17 and repeated August 2-16 Weekdays at 11:00 a.m. Monday to Friday
- 2006 National Finals : July 18-Aug. 1 and repeated August 17-31 Weekdays at 11:00 a.m. Monday to Friday

The 2006 Ontario Provincial Finals, followed by the 2006 National Finals will air on TVO

**TVOntario**



- Beginning Sept. 10 on Sundays at 6:00 pm EST



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