



DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY

The 2006-2007 'Reach' season saw new subscriber schools across the country, particularly in 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).

These productions featured star quizmasters to anchor every game. Kudos to David Kelly (Access & CLT), Nicole Stamp (TVO) and Tamara Stanners (Knowledge Network) for consistent and outstanding performances on Reach For The Top.

Check our website at www.reachforthetop.com during the coming year for updates from provincial co-ordinators on the play schedules in each province, and send photos or information on your "Reach" activities that we can post on our "Reach" site.

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, Janet Nahabidian, Erin McMullan & Luke Stark; 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

The continuing support of our sponsors and broadcaster partners is greatly appreciated. Our Cross-Canada "Reach" thanks to:



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(T) David Kelly, Quizmaster of the National Finals
(B) Ontario Provincial Finals at Pharmacy Studios

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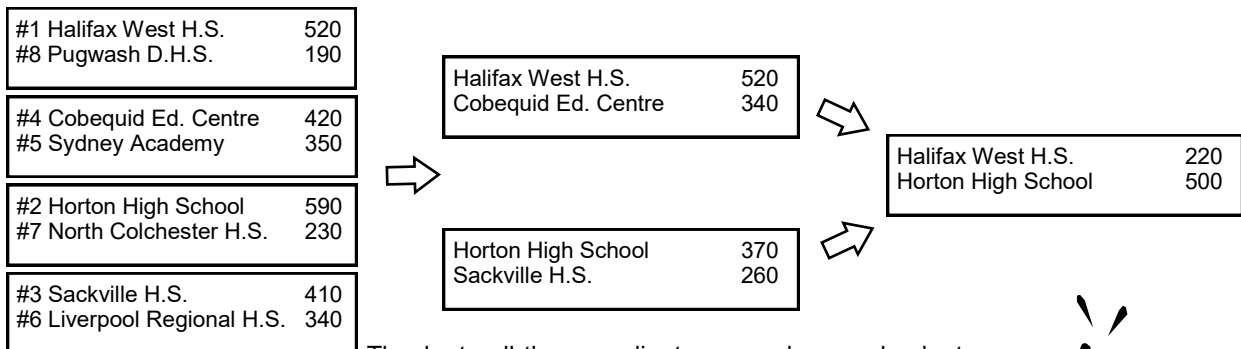
NOVA SCOTIA REPORT

By Hans Budgey,
Nova Scotia Provincial Co-ordinator

A successful 2006-2007 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 29, the preliminary 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	6	1	2710	1480	+1230
2	Horton High School	6	1	2420	1470	+950
3	Sackville High School	6	1	2280	1640	+640
4	Cobequid Educational Centre	4	3	1980	1980	0
5	Sydney Academy	3	4	1950	1860	+90
6	Liverpool Regional High School	2	5	1650	1930	-280
7	North Colchester High School	1	6	1060	2320	-1260
8	Pugwash District High School	0	7	1120	2490	-1370

On Sunday, April 29th, the finals were held. Using the seeding results from Day 1 of the competition, the following playoff schedule took place:



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

Congratulations to the **Horton High School** team members: **Jordan Calder, Mike Currie, Jason Hockley, Thomas Morrison, Jacob Schoefield** and Coaches: **Lennie Comeau, Barry Leslie.**



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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 2006-2007 Reach for the Top season had an exciting beginning with an invitational tournament held in St. Andrews on November 18th with 24 teams competing in two divisions. Kennebecasis Valley High #1 was the winner in the "A" Final. The next invitational tournament was held at St. Malachy's High on December 9th KVHS #1 again emerged victorious in the "A" Final. The third invitational tournament was held at Kennebecasis High on Feb. 17th with KVHS winners in "A" Final. The fourth tournament was held at Saint John High on March 31st. Once again KVHS was victorious in the "A" Final. The final invitational tournament was held in Nackawic on April 8th with 20 teams competing. KVHS was again the "A" winner. Congratulations to all the invitational tournament winners in both "A" and "B" divisions as well as all of the 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 21st with 10 teams competing in the Championship Section and 15 teams competing in the Non-Championship Section. Kennebecasis High was victorious over Oromocto High in the Championship final in an excellent, fast paced game to claim the Provincial Championship. KVHS #2 beat St Malachy's High in a nail biter Non-Championship final 310 to 300. Kennebecasis High was a formidable opponent again this season as they did not lose a single game during the entire season. Oromocto was also a very competitive team all season and were invited to the National tournament as the Provincial Runner-Up. We were pleased to send two teams to the Nationals this year. We wish them both 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. Talk to you in the fall.

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 2006-2007 school year.

Congratulations to the Champion **Kennebecasis Valley H.S.** team members: **Morgan Gagnon, Kale O'Neill, Nick Manuel, Will Koncovy,** alternates **Dylan Lenton, Stephen Spence,** and Coaches **Jason Thorne and Mary Clarke.**

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QUEBEC REPORT

By Ivan Gombos
Quebec Provincial Co-ordinator

In this our seventh year of competition, we had two participating leagues, most ably co-ordinated by Claire Sergeant (Dawson College) and Sharon Peters (Lower Canada College). After a bit of a rocky start – our first general meeting had to be cancelled on account of a St. Valentine's Day snowstorm – the Reach teams were eager to begin interschool games.

Although we did not increase the number of schools playing this year, the number of students interested in trying out for the various teams did increase – in one case, about thirty students were vying for the four to eight spots available.

Loyola High, Lower Canada College, Marianopolis College and Dawson College faced off in the final round for the Quebec Championship. After three fiercely-fought elimination rounds, Marianopolis emerged as this year's Provincial Champion. Prizes were awarded for the first and Second Place teams.



Congratulations to the Champion **Marianopolis College** team members: **William Robinson, Kelso Mallet, Andrew Kusek, Stephanie Zaleski** and Coach: **Jeffrey Freeman.**

ONTARIO REPORT

By Pat Beecham-Cooper
Judge, Ontario Provincial Finals

Another successful and exciting Ontario Provincial Championship was held at Scarborough College, Pope John Paul II High School, and at Pharmacy Studios on Mother's Day Weekend. Among the 40 top teams from across the province, there were several schools making their first appearance at the Provincial Championships. It was great to see them, and to see that a couple of them made it into the ten slots for the TV round. Congratulations to them, and to all the teams that competed in these games.

Saturday was mainly registration, orientation and get acquainted. After teams arrived and registered at Scarborough College, U of T., they gathered at Pope John Paul II School for orientation. After roll call, an information meeting and schedules of play for the round robin tournament on Sunday were given out, the teams set up the class rooms with buzzer systems, and then played a practice game. This helped everyone get used to the layout of the school, and the procedures that would be followed in the actual tournament.

On Saturday evening, at the "Meeting Place" in Scarborough College, a sumptuous banquet was laid out for everyone. After dining, Fraser Simpson, the coach from UTS led the crowd in his famous game of "Truth or Lie", for many fantastic prizes donated by several schools, and the Reach for the Top sponsors. Thank you, Fraser. This still left lots of time for Ottawa fans to get back to the residences to watch the semi-final NHL playoff game.

On Sunday, teams gathered at PJP II for the round robin tournament. The 40 teams were divided into 5 groups, of 8 teams and played 7 games (with each team in their own group). The top teams in games won, and then in total points made the top 10 list. There was a tie for the 5th and 6th place, so a playoff was held between Lisgar Collegiate of Ottawa, and UTS of Toronto to determine the final ranking. UTS won.

Thanks to Pope John Paul II school, the coaches Chris Premdas and Tony Hagerman for hosting the tournament, and also to the care-taking staff, and Andrew McKay who helped deliver quiz packs and host the TV reporters at the school.

On Monday morning at 9:30, the teams arrived at Pharmacy Studios in Scarborough to begin taping. We played 5 elimination games on Monday. The winners of these games and the highest scoring losing team advanced to the quarter-finals. On Tuesday morning, the three quarter final games were played. The winners of these plus the highest scoring losing team advanced to the semi-finals. In the afternoon, the two semi-final and final games were played. Many of these games were exceedingly close, right up to the final snappers. On occasion, even the snappers were close and the final outcome was separated by only 20 or 30 points, so these games were exciting and tense.

Again, Nicole Stamp was our quizmaster, and did another outstanding job. The meals at the TV studio were delicious and abundant, and the TV crew: Sidney Cohen the director, Lynn Bowdrey assistant producer, Vlad, the floor manager, technicians, make-up artists, crowd warmers, wranglers were all very helpful. Thanks to all. Thanks also to my co-judge, Ravi Lall whose encyclopediac knowledge was so helpful in possible alternate answers, and to the Reach staff at the tournament and at the studio: Paul Russell, Eric Novakovics, Richard Koo, Daniel Hill, Erin McMullan, Frank Russell, Vijaya Selvaraju for providing for a smooth and exciting Provincial Championship.

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Congratulations to London Central S.S.: Peter Burton, Will Nediger, Will van Hemessen, Will Pazner, Ian Good, Max Trower, Luke Greidanus, Christian Hegele, Clara Milde and Coach: Mike Pizzuti



cial Finals

The 2007 Ontario Provincial Finals, followed by the 2007 National Finals, will air on TVO beginning Sept. 9 on Sundays at 6:30 pm EST .

Finals Games 1—5

1 London Central S.S.	390
10 Assumption C.S.S.	270

2 P.A.C.E.	500
9 South Secondary	200

3 Woburn Collegiate	420
8 Newmarket H.S.	320

4 Gloucester H.S.	350
7 Mayfield S.S.	280

5 U.T.S.	500
6 Lisgar C.I.**	340

**highest scoring loser moves on.

Finals Games 6-8

London Central S.S.	490
Lisgar C.I.	310

P.A.C.E.	400
U.T.S.**	330

Woburn Collegiate	310
Gloucester H.S.	360

**highest scoring loser moves on.

Finals Games 13-14

(Semi-Finals)

London Central S.S.	430
U.T.S.**	370

P.A.C.E.	270
Gloucester H.S.	420

**wild card.

Finals Game 15

(The Finals)

London Central S.S.	470
Gloucester H.S.	280

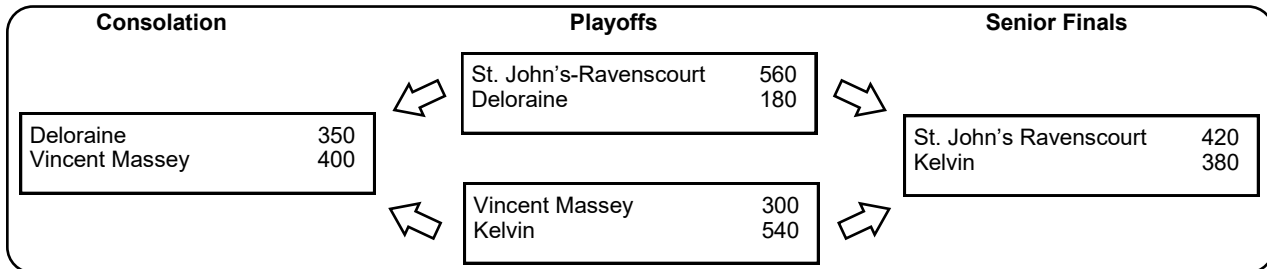
MANITOBA REPORT

By Murray Karlicki,
Manitoba Provincial Co-ordinator

Manitoba once again ran both Senior and Intermediate leagues. New teams from Springfield Collegiate and Minnedosa Collegiate were welcomed into the league this year. This year's Senior provincials were hosted by Kelvin High. The results were as follows:

Pool A			
Team	W	L	Points
St. John's-Ravenscourt	3	0	1330
Kelvin	2	1	1430
Garden Valley	0	3	810
Grant Park	1	2	1310

Pool B			
Team	W	L	Points
Gray	1	2	940
Deloraine	1	2	1020
Carberry	1	2	920
Vincent Massey	3	0	180



Congratulations to **St. John's-Ravenscourt's** players for winning the Senior division. SJR team members : **Kiran Mysore, Eli Cristante, Matthew Sigurdson, Brandon Trask, Graeme Berrington, Ian Literovich** and their coach **Frank Kores**.

The Intermediate playoffs were hosted by Vincent Massey :
The round-robin results and Intermediate Finals results are as follows:

Intermediate Tournament			
Team	W	L	Points
St. John's-Ravenscourt	5	0	2110
Garden Valley	3	2	1650
Vincent Massey	3	2	1560
Carberry	2	3	1620
Shaftesbury	2	3	1560
Dauphin	0	5	1020

Intermediate Finals	
St. John's-Ravenscourt	330
Garden Valley	290

Congratulations to the Intermediate league winners from **St. John's-Ravenscourt** team members: **Albert Liao, Aidan Fishman, Alicia Ling, Irene Xie, and Nicole Askin**.



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

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ALBERTA REPORT

By Chris Zarski,
Alberta Provincial Co-ordinator

The Junior/Intermediate Provincials for Alberta saw everyone traveling to Whitecourt, Alberta where we enjoyed the hospitality of Hilltop High School supported by Percy Baxter School and under the coordination of Pat Mattson. The two days were wonderful with excellent competition. The teams attending were:

Juniors: Calmar, Percy Baxter, St. Augustine, Trochu, Onoway, Elnora, Andrew, Gerard Redmond.

Intermediates: Hunting Hills, Onoway, Bert Church, Lacombe Jr. High, Calmar, Hilltop, West Island, Ponoka, Trochu, Gerard Redmond.

After two days of competition, we would like to congratulate **Calmar School** as the Provincial **Intermediate Champions** defeating Hunting Hills in a close 280 – 250 final. Onoway placed third defeating Hilltop by a score of 350 – 240.

In our **Junior Division**, **Calmar** came out on top once more defeating Percy Baxter by a score of 290 – 180. It was a clean sweep for Calmar's dynamic teams this year! Congratulations to Jeanette Wilson for her awesome coaching and to Junior members: Hayden Mills, Peter Foster, William de Martines, Jaason Timmons, How Li, Stephanie Zak and Intermediate members: Logan Mills, Helen de Martines, Jenna Craig, Abby Vanderberghe, Daren Williams.

Each of the attending teams had an MVP recognized at the banquet luncheon as well as the Spirit Team awards were handed out going to Calmar in the junior division and Gerard Redmond in the Intermediate Division.

We thank all the coaches for their support and involvement this year and look forward to seeing many teams back at Provincials 2008 in TROCHU! Thanks to the Trochu team for stepping up and hosting next year!

Early May saw 10 teams from around Alberta head to Edmonton for the **Senior** Reach For the Top Provincials. A two pool round robin tournament took place with teams being ranked as follows heading into the provincial play downs:

1. West Island – Calgary
2. Harry Ainlay – Edmonton
3. Bert Church – Airdrie
4. Hunting Hills – Red Deer
5. Wetaskiwin Comp – Wetaskiwin
6. Gerard Redmond – Hinton
7. Hilltop High – Whitecourt
8. Andrew School – Andrew
9. Calmar – Calmar
10. Bert Church 2 – Airdrie

After two days of back and forth competition and teams upsetting teams in play downs, we saw West Island finish first and Hunting Hills finish second. Our congratulations to both these teams who will represent Alberta at Nationals.

Specials thanks go out to the coaches at Harry Ainlay School for allowing us to use the school for the seeding tournament and to Bill and Jeanette Wilson for use of the buzzer systems and their additional help. The Crew at CLT couldn't have been better and our host, Dave Kelly, again won the hearts of the students! A great year and with many thanks to the coaches who spend the hours with the students practicing and encouraging them. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.



Congratulations to **West Island College** - team members: **Sean Spence, Andrew Cornhill, Andrew Yeung, Azrah Manji, Brenna Perera, Katie Miller** and Coach: **Claire Dickens**



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The 2007 Alberta Provincial Finals and National Finals programs will air on **Access Television**

BRITISH COLUMBIA REPORT

By Eric Stewart,
British Columbia Provincial Co-ordinator

This school year saw a record 46 schools participating in Schoolreach in BC. The Vancouver Zone led with sixteen participants, followed by Richmond with seven, the North Shore and Burnaby/Surrey with six and Maple Ridge/Mission with four schools. It was also very encouraging to see eight schools from the Interior and Vancouver Island competing this year.

Our intermediate tournament was hosted by Windermere School on March and prominent reach coach, Maggie Przyborowska. The gold medal school was University Hill (Vancouver), followed by silver medal winner Windermere (Vancouver) and bronze recipient, St. George's (Vancouver). The Intermediate trophy and medals were presented to these schools.

The Senior tournament required a seeding round to determine the top 16 schools among 38 that participated on April 13 at Burnett Secondary in Richmond. Many thanks to Sunny Gill and Patrick Anderson for organizing the largest tournament of its kind. During the following two weeks, these teams played on Knowledge Network based on their seeding placement. The eventual winners were St. George's (Vancouver) in a one point match, followed by Winston Churchill (Vancouver) and in their first year of competition, Windsor Secondary (North Vancouver). Trophies and medals were presented and the top two schools will represent the province at the nationals.

My sincere thanks to all coaches who guided their teams through countless practices, games and tournaments to make this the best year in our 18 year association with BC Schoolreach.

Congratulations to **St. George's School** team members: **Jon Choi, Jason Dowlatabadi, Daniel Siu, Desmond Jung, Curt Cha, Ermer Wang, Andrew Warren, Zorbey Turkalp** and Coach: **Eric Stewart**

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The 2007 BC Provincial Finals, followed by the National Finals, will air on **Knowledge Network**



Finals Games 1—15

Game 1 - Windsor Transition	470 310
Game 2 - St. Georges Richmond	540 260
Game 3 - Southridge Sentinel	420 320
Game 4 - Churchill N. Surrey	480 220
Game 5 - Burnaby North McRoberts	400 300
Game 6 - Penticton David Thompson	440 310
Game 7 - St. Michaels Gladstone	440 200
Game 8 - Vancouver Coll. Burnett	420 320
Game 9 - Windsor Vancouver Coll.	500 420
Game 10 - St. Georges St. Michaels	670 260
Game 11 - Southridge Penticton	440 380
Game 12 - Churchill Burnaby	420 410
Game 13 - Churchill Windsor	490 470
Game 14 - St. Georges Southridge	410 310
Game 15 - St. Georges Churchill	410 400

NATIONAL FINALS REPORT

By Chris Zarski,
Alberta Provincial Co-ordinator

What an awesome and exciting National competition we had in Edmonton at the end of May! This was without a doubt, one of the closest in competition and inspiring with the knowledge base displayed by the students. Twelve teams from across Canada, met in Edmonton and played off in an 11 game round robin seeding tournament. It was a long but eventful day. Many thanks to our volunteer readers, judges and scorekeepers who were there for it all. Again, special thanks to Harry Ainlay for having the seeding tournament and to Bill and Jeanette Wilson for the buzzer systems. The national competitors were as follows:

Gloucester High School (Ontario)
Horton High School (Nova Scotia)
Hunting Hills High School (Alberta)
Kelvin High School (Manitoba)
Kennebecasis Valley High School (New Brunswick)
London Central Secondary School (Ontario)

Marianopolis College (Quebec)
Oromocto High School (New Brunswick)
St. George's School (British Columbia)
St. John's-Ravenscourt School (Manitoba)
Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School (British Columbia)
West Island College (Alberta)

The two days that followed saw a lot of interesting competition. You did us proud.

While the teams were in Edmonton, they had the opportunity to visit the Alberta Legislature (officially), West Edmonton Mall (unofficially), and concluded the three-day competition with a Gala dinner and Awards presentation at Edmonton's Old Spaghetti Factory, where the final medals and most valuable player prizes were handed out.

Thanks to CLT for being such great hosts and to Dave Kelly, our show host for his quick-paced and humorous reading.

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.

From a list of MVPs (top scorers from each of 12 teams), the judges and producers voted on the 4 players that might constitute a "Dream Team".



(left to right): Christina Entz (Oromocto), Morgan Gagnon (Kennebecassis Valley), Peter Burton (London Central), Kiran Mysore (St. John's Ravenscourt) - photo courtesy of F. Kores



Master Control at the National Finals



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