



REACH NEWS



DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY

It's been a stellar year of 'Reach' play, with hundreds of schools participating across the country. In the 2007-2008 'Reach' season we welcomed new subscriber schools in every region.

On television, forty-four 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. Congratulations to Graham Neil (new to the Access and CLT productions), 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-coordinators 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-coordinators (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 Nahabedian, Erin McMullan, Luke Stark and Nicole Novakovics; and 'Reach' Production Team: Daniel Hill, Eric Novakovics, Richard Koo, Costa Kamateros, Frank Russell and Vijaya Selveraju.

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

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



AND THE 2007-08 NATIONAL CHAMPION IS...



NATIONAL FINALS SUMMARY

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NOVA SCOTIA REPORT

By Hans Budgey,
Nova Scotia Provincial Co-ordinator

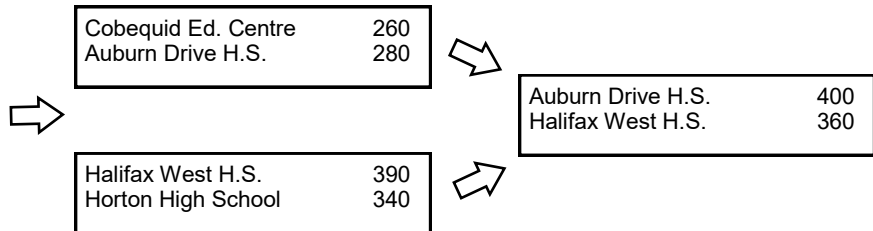
A successful 2007-2008 season of Reach for the Top - SCHOOLREACH in Nova Scotia culminated in the two-day Provincial Finals, held this year in Bible Hill, at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College Haley Institute. On Saturday, April 26th, the preliminary round-robin tournament ended with Cobequid Educational Centre in first place overall. The round-robin standings were as follows:

Rank	Team	W	L	PF	PA	Diff.
1	Cobequid Educational Centre	7	0	2760	1540	+1220
2	Halifax West High School	6	1	2350	1960	+390
3	Horton High School	5	2	2380	1920	+460
4	Auburn Drive High School	4	3	2150	1790	+360
5	Sackville High School	3	4	1760	2190	-430
6	Liverpool Regional High School	2	5	1600	2060	-430
7	North Colchester High School	1	6	1420	2250	-460
8	Sydney Academy	0	7	1490	2220	-830

On Sunday, April 27th, the finals were held; using the seeding results from Day 1 of the competition, the following playoff schedule took place (below):

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

#1 Cobequid Ed. Centre	570
#8 Sydney Academy	280
#4 Auburn Drive H.S.	410
#5 Sackville H.S.	360
#2 Halifax West H.S.	470
#7 North Colchester H.S.	320
#3 Horton High School	540
#6 Liverpool Regional H.S.	210



Congratulations to the **Auburn Drive High School** team members: **Kaitlin MacDonald, Andrew Pumphrey, Erin Watt, Ruki Watson, Victoria Lapp, Jessica Watson** and Coach: **Marc Delasandro**.

QUEBEC REPORT

By Ivan Gombos
Quebec Provincial Co-ordinator

It was a year of losses and a year of gains (as Dickens would say). Three of the colleges that were with us last year - Vanier, John Abbott, and Champlain - did not participate this year, for various reasons. However, we added two new schools: Trafalgar School for Girls and Bailik High. The unusually harsh winter weather threatened some of our sessions but somehow we were able to squeeze our games in despite the impending snow storms.

The April 30th Quebec Championship Tournament consisted of some closely-contested games between two of the high schools (L.C.C. and Royal West) and our two colleges: Dawson and Marianopolis. In the end, Royal West prevailed, winning our trophy and receiving gift certificates from Chapters/Coles thanks to the generous support from the Dawson College Administration.

Next year we hope that some new teams will join our Quebec leagues and that some of the colleges will return to the fold.

Congratulations to the Champion **Royal West Academy** : Team members: **Josiah Henderson, Rainforest Scully-Baker, Harry Warshaw, Edward Zhang** and Coach: **Nancy McDougall**.



Royal West Academy at the 2008 National Finals in Edmonton

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 2007-2008 Reach for the Top season had an exciting beginning with invitational tournaments held in Oromocto on October 20th with 20 teams competing and in St. Andrews on November 24th with 18 teams competing in two divisions. Kennebecasis Valley High #1 was the winner in the "A" Final at both of these fall tournaments. The third invitational tournament was held at Kennebecasis High on Feb. 2nd with KVHS winning in "A" Final. The fourth tournament was held at Rothesay-Netherwood School on February 23rd. Once again KVHS was victorious in the "A" Final. The final invitational tournament was held at St. Malachy's High School on March 29th 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 Nackawic High School on April 19th 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. 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 again this year. We congratulate them both on their success at the National Tournament in Edmonton.

Students and advisors are all looking forward to another exciting full season of Reach for the Top/Schoolreach in New Brunswick next year

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' programme in New Brunswick during the 2007-2008 school year.

Congratulations also go out Oromocto High School – the New Brunswick Provincial Runners-Up: Julian Varty, Zach Dwyer, Andrew MacDonald and Christina Entz. Coaches: Winnie HSU and Calvin MacDonald.



Congratulations to the Champion **Kennebecasis Valley High School**:
Team members: **Michael Forestall, Will Koncovy, Nick Manuel, Kale O'Neill, Stephen Spence**, and Coach: **Jason Thorne**.

ONTARIO REPORT

By Pat Beecham-Cooper
Judge, Ontario Provincial Finals

This was the biggest Ontario Provincial Championship yet. 42 teams, representing leagues from all across the province, met at Centennial College and Pope John Paul II School for the Provincial Championships on May 10.

Saturday was mainly registration, orientation and get acquainted. After teams arrived and registered at Centennial College, 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 the next day.

Saturday evening at Centennial College was the setting for a delicious banquet. During dining, Fraser Simpson and Richard Koo entertained the tables still waiting to line up for dinner with a trivia contest and prizes. After dinner, Fraser 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.

On Sunday, teams gathered at PJP II for the round robin tournament.

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The Opeongo "Spirit Squad" at the Ontario Provincial Tournament

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On Sunday, teams gathered at PJPII for the round robin tournament. The 42 teams were divided into 5 groups, of 8/9 teams and played 7 games. The top team in each of the 5 groups, plus the next top 5 in games won, and then in total points made the top 10 list.

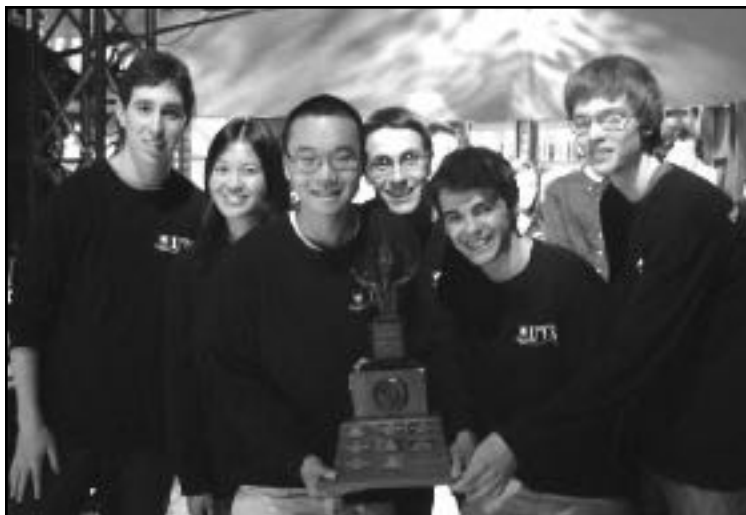
There was a tie for the final spot for the TV round, so a playoff was held between, *South Secondary School* and *Sacred Heart C.H.S.* to determine the final ranking. South Secondary won. Thanks to Pope John Paul II C.S.S., the coaches for hosting the tournament, and also to the care-taking staff, and to all the student volunteers who helped deliver quiz packs.



The Crowd at the Provincial Tournament

On Monday morning, the teams arrived at Pharmacy Studios in Scarborough to begin taping 5 elimination games. The winners of these games and the highest scoring losing team advanced to the quarter-finals. More excitement! There were two teams with exactly the same score qualifying for the wild card spot. So, an off camera sudden death play-off was held between *South Secondary* & *Merivale H.S.*. South Secondary won **again**. 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. No ties this time. In the afternoon, the two semi-final and final games were played. It was nice to see the whole province represented in the quarter finals, with a team from Windsor, one from Ottawa, one from the Greater Toronto area and one from Toronto.

Again, Nicole Stamp was our quizmaster, and did another outstanding job, as did the TV crew: Sidney Cohen (Director), Catherine Cooper (Producer), Vlad (Floor manager), the 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.



Congratulations to **University of Toronto Schools:**
 Team members: **Jake Brockman, Jenny Gu, Rafael Krichevsky, Lujia Lin, Sacha Mangerel, Nick Stark** and Coach: **Susie Choi.**

Finals Games 1—5

1 Lisgar C.I.	500
10 South Secondary**	340

2 U.T.S.	490
9 Woburn C.I.	260

3 Merivale H.S.	340
8 Vincent Massey S.S.	360

4 London Central S.S.	320
7 Pickering H.S.	210

5 Centennial C.V.I.	280
6 Mayfield S.S.	430

**highest scoring loser moves on.

Finals Games 6-8

Lisgar C.I.	470
South Secondary	190

U.T.S.	410
Vincent Massey S.S.**	280

Mayfield S.S.	390
London Central S.S.	220

**highest scoring loser moves on.

Finals Games 9-10 (Semi-Finals)

Lisgar C.I.	340
Vincent Massey S.S.**	190

U.T.S.	530
Mayfield S.S.	330

**wild card.

Finals Game 11 (The Finals)

Lisgar C.I.	340
U.T.S.	430

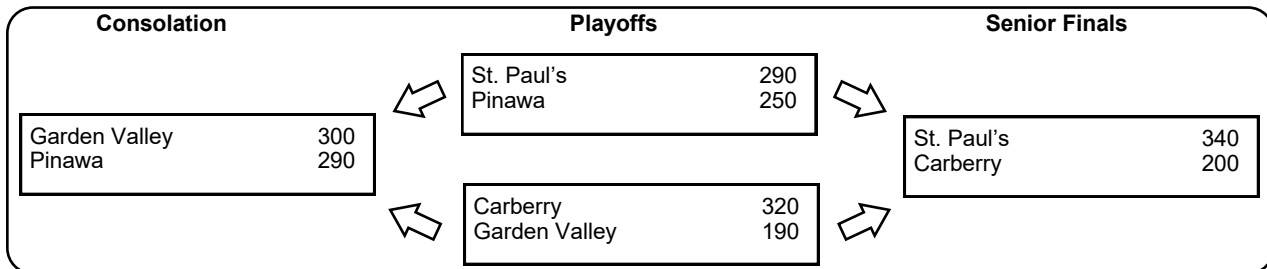
MANITOBA REPORT

By Murray Karlicki,
Manitoba Provincial Co-ordinator

Manitoba once again ran both Senior and Intermediate leagues. New teams from Boissevain, Waskada, Gimli, and Louis-Riel were welcomed into the league this year. This year's Senior provincials were hosted by Gray Academy and Judy Doctoroff. The results were as follows:

Pool A			
Team	W	L	Points
Garden Valley	2	1	1360
Pinawa	2	1	1310
St. John's-Ravenscourt	2	1	1250
Gray	0	3	1070

Pool B			
Team	W	L	Points
St. Paul's	3	0	1540
Carberry	1	2	1180
Kelvin	1	2	1110
Vincent Massey	1	2	1050



Congratulations to **St. Paul's High School** players for winning the Senior division. SPHS team members : **Eric Williams, Ethan Chess, Peyton Veich, Alew Palowsky, Douglas Feltham** and their coach **John Pundyk**.

The intermediate playoffs were hosted by Garden Valley and Jon Funk:
The round-robin results and Intermediate Finals results are as follows:

Intermediate Tournament			
Team	W	L	Points
St. John's-Ravenscourt	5	0	2050
Kelvin	4	1	1650
Garden Valley	3	2	1430
Portage	3	2	1250
Shaftesbury	4	1	1170
Roseau Valley	0	5	780

Intermediate Finals	
St. John's-Ravenscourt	440
Kelvin	210

Congratulations to the Intermediate league winners from **St. John's-Ravenscourt** team members: **Aidan Fishman, Irene Xie, Alicia Ling, Albert Liao, Eli Koulack, and Kaien Gu** and their coach **Frank Kores**.



Royal West Academy Coach (QC) Nancy McDougall & Carberry Collegiate Coach (MB) Murray Karlicki at the National Finals Gala.

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

ALBERTA REPORT

By Chris Zarski,
Alberta Provincial Co-ordinator

It has been another exciting year in the province of Alberta! The students have again amazed the viewers with the vast knowledge base they have acquired and the lightening speed at which they can call upon it!

Alberta Junior and Intermediate Provincials

In early April, the town of Trochu and the staff and students of Trochu Valley School opened their doors and hospitality to welcome the Junior and Intermediate Provincials. From arrival to departure, the staff and students of the school and town ran an excellently organized provincial competition. All this despite juggling the four different Spring breaks that were running around the province at the time. Ten Junior and Nine Intermediate teams attended the competition over the two days. We congratulate Calmar as Alberta's new Reach For the Top Provincial winner at the Junior level. The results of the two days event are shown below. In the Intermediate Division we congratulate W.D.Cuts school from St. Albert as the Alberta Intermediate provincial Champions!:

JUNIORS

Semi Finals

Calmar played Theresetta – winner Calmar
Lacombe played Percy Baxter #1 – winner Percy Baxter

Final Game

Calmar (380) vs Percy Baxter #1 (230)

Final Rankings:

1. Calmar
2. Percy Baxter #1
3. Lacombe
4. Theresetta
5. Trochu Valley #1
6. St. Augustine
7. Percy Baxter #2
8. Elnora
9. W.D. Cuts
10. Trochu Valley #2

INTERMEDIATES

Semi Finals

Calmar vs W.D. Cuts - winner: W.D.Cuts
Lacombe vs Hunting Hills – winner: Hunting Hills

Final Game

W.D. Cuts (410) vs Hunting Hills (310)

Final Rankings:

1. W.D. Cuts
2. Hunting Hills
3. Calmar
4. Lacombe
5. West Island College
6. Onoway
7. Trochu
8. Strathmore
9. Hilltop

Spirit

Team Awards are handed out to the team that demonstrates true sportsmanship, makes an effort to get to know other teams and treats all with dignity. In short, they are true ambassadors of their school! It is always a difficult decision but this year's winners are:

Junior Division: Trochu Valley #1

Intermediate Division: Lacombe

Alberta Senior Provincials

The Senior High provincials were held in early May in Edmonton Alberta. The seeding tournament was held at Harry Ainlay High School and thanks to John Scammell for all his help and organization. The 11 game round robin saw some exciting competition in 11 shortened games. The teams had a chance to meet each other prior to heading to the Access/CLT studios for the provincial competition that followed during the next two days.

The results of the finals games are show on the next page:

Thanks to Graham Neil for his valiant effort in hosting the games with a voice that was leaving him behind and for Wayne Lavold, who dipped into his 'bucket list' and became an instant quiz show host! Thanks to both of you for all your work!

Thank you to the following readers, judges and scorekeepers who assisted at the seeding tournament or at the studios:

Graham Neil (CTV Host), Deanna Shoshtak (Alberta Education), Maureen Mills (Alberta Education), Ron Zukowski (Teacher), Markus Chan (Castlerock Research/Past player), Julie May (Castlerock Research), Wayne Lavold (Teacher), Chris Styles (Administrator), John Scammell (Teacher/Coach), Jeanette Wilson (Teacher/Coach), Bill Wilson ('The Buzzer Guy'), Luke Wilson (University of Alberta Student/past player), Martin Mazurek (Teacher), Daniel Wambolt (Nait Student), Louis Kloster (Religious Education Coordinator), Jane Macridis (Town Councillor/Coach).

The Alberta Senior Provincial Finalists:

Calmar
Gerard Redmond
Harry Ainlay
Hilltop
Hunting Hills
Old Scona
Onoway
Sturgeon
Trochu
West Island College
Wetaskiwin
William E. Hay



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Finals Games 1—11

*Numbers indicated in brackets are final standing

Game 1 - Harry Ainlay	400
Onoway (12)	60

Game 2 - Calmar	270
Wm. E. Hay (10)	160

Game 3 - Hunting Hills (8)	200
Sturgeon	310

Game 4 - Hilltop (11)	150
Wetaskiwin	230

Game 5 - Trochu (9)	190
G. Redmond	210

1st Bye—West Island
2nd Bye—Old Scona

Game 6 - Old Scona	300
G. Redmond (7)	130

Game 7 - Harry Ainlay	270
Wetaskiwin (5)	170

Game 8 - Calmar	280
Sturgeon (6)	160

1st Bye—West Island

Game 9 - West Island	470
Semis Calmar (4)	110

Game 10 - Old Scona (3)	260
Semis Harry Ainlay	280

Game 11 - West Island (1)	340
Final Harry Ainlay (2)	260

Congratulations to **West Island College** - team members: **Sean Spence, Andrew Cornhill, Christopher Gherinich, Michael Zawalsky, Alana Brumwell** and Coach: **Claire Dickens-Allen**

BRITISH COLUMBIA REPORT

By *Donna Choo*,
British Columbia Provincial Co-ordinator

The 2007/2008 season of Schoolreach was a year of change in B.C., beginning with a new provincial co-ordinator. Several new schools from the Greater Vancouver and the Okanagan areas have now expanded the B.C. League to a record 53 schools! It's very encouraging to see so many students involved in the pursuit of knowledge.

In March, the Intermediate tournament was held at Sutherland Secondary in North Vancouver, where 24 schools vied for top spot. Many thanks to Ray Boucher and Jennifer Bermudez for hosting and organizing this event. **The intermediate trophy and gold medal went to St. George's School (Vancouver); silver medal to Sir Winston Churchill Secondary (Vancouver); and bronze medal to Hugh McRoberts Secondary (Richmond).** Well done!

The Senior tournament began on April 11th with a 6-game seeding tournament to determine the top 16 teams for the provincial playoffs. Thirty-six schools participated in this event which was held at St. George's School in Vancouver and hosted by long-time Schoolreach coach, Eric Stewart. Then over several days, the top 16 schools played in the B.C. Reach for the Top Provincial Championships games, which were taped by Infinity Films at the Knowledge Network studios. For the very first time, **the provincial champion and gold medal winner was Sir Winston Churchill Secondary; second place went to Burnaby North Secondary; and third place to St. George's School.** The trophy and medals were awarded, and the top two schools will represent B.C. at the Nationals. Congratulations to all the teams and their coaches for making this year an outstanding one!

Sadly, we have to bid farewell to **Eric Stewart**, who turned over the reins of provincial coordinator last year after 18 years of service to Schoolreach. Also, he is retiring from teaching after many years, with his final 18 years at St. George's School in Vancouver. Over the years as co-ordinator and coach, Eric's enthusiasm for and promotion of the game has expanded the B.C. League from a handful of schools to the number involved today. Eric's strength as a coach, has taken his St. George's teams to many victories and they have represented our province at the Nationals with honour. Our heartfelt thanks to Eric Stewart for his dedication and involvement in Schoolreach and Reach for the Top. You will be missed! We wish you and your family all the very best in the next stages of your journey.



Eric Stewart at the 1997 National Finals, hosted by St. Georges School

Congratulations to **Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School** team members: **John Clarke, Alyssa Favreau, Brent Lin, Derek So,** and Coach: **Donna Choo.**

NATIONAL FINALS REPORT

By Chris Zarski,
Alberta Provincial Co-ordinator

On May 24-26, twelve teams assembled themselves in Edmonton Alberta for the Canadian National Show-Down. The seeding tournament again took place at Harry Ainlay School and our thanks to John Scammell for his assistance. The teams played a round robin tournament on Saturday, May 24 with hands and buzzer sounds just flying! It was a great way for all of the teams to meet each other and to make some new friends! The national competitors were as follows:

Auburn Drive High School (Nova Scotia)
Burnaby North Secondary School (British Columbia)
Carberry Collegiate Institute (Manitoba)
Harry Ainlay High School (Alberta)
Kennebecasis Valley High School (New Brunswick)
Lisgar Collegiate Institute (Ontario)

Oromocto High School (New Brunswick)
Royal West Academy (Quebec)
St. Paul's High School (Manitoba)
Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School (British Columbia)
University of Toronto Schools (Ontario)
West Island College (Alberta)

The following two days saw some fierce and incredibly exciting competition. The final game came down to a PHOTO FINISH! WOW! It doesn't get much more exciting. Make sure you watch this series!

Our special thanks to the following people who helped with the Nationals either as readers, judges or scorekeepers: Graham Neil (CTV Host), John Scammell (Teacher/Coach), Gerri Bucinni (Administrator {Retired}), Joffre Plaquin (Superintendent of Schools {Retired}), Valerie Holtz (Teacher), Marcus Chan (Castlerock Research/past player), Julie Hill (Castlerock Research), Ron Zukowski (Teacher).

It was a pleasure to have had the opportunity to meet and work with all of the teams and coaches over these few days! From the fast pace of the finals to the enthusiastic 'Ethan' from St. Paul's, it was truly a memorable event! See you all next year!

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Watch the National Finals to find out !!!

Check the Reach Website—reachforthetop.org— or our broadcasters' sites for schedules from Canadian Learning Television, Access Television, Knowledge Network and TVOntario.

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): John Clarke (Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School, BC), Ethan Chess (St. Paul's High School, MB), Lujia Lin (University of Toronto Schools, ON), Nevin Hotson (Lisgar Collegiate Institute, ON)

The 4 FIRST TEAM ALL-STAR Players were each awarded a bursary from Reach Alumnus **Dr. John Wojcik** and his wife



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