



JUNE 2009

REACH NEWS



AND THE 2008/2009 NATIONAL CHAMPION IS...

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DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY

It's been a stellar year of "Reach" play, with hundreds of schools participating across the country. In the 2008-2009 "Reach" season we welcomed new subscriber schools in every region of the country.

There has been a significant change with regard to the television broadcasts of the Finals; this year saw the demise of C.L.T. as an educational network and as broadcaster of the Reach For The Top National Finals. We missed their involvement this year and we wish to thank the staff and crew in Edmonton for their support of Reach for the Top over the past nine years.

Check back to our website at www.reachforthetop.com during the coming year for updates from provincial co-coordinators on the play schedules in each province and the broadcast date of the Championship game. Please send photos and information on your "Reach" activities so that we can post them to the site.

Our thanks to the teacher-coaches in every province who fielded teams, arranged games, read questions, judged answers and generally made the Schoolreach tournament system work.

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-Cooper, Jane Kay, Janet Nahabedian and Nicole Novakovics; and to the National Finals Series producer Daniel Hill; associate producers, Costa Kamateros, Richard Koo, Eric Novakovics and Frank Russell; technicians Glen Gummerson and Kwan Ho Tse, and production assistants Colleen O'Reilly and Vijaya Selvaraju.

Congratulations to everyone involved in Reach For The Top, for a year of successful games, and best wishes for a relaxing summer.

Paul Russell
Director, Reach For The Top Inc.

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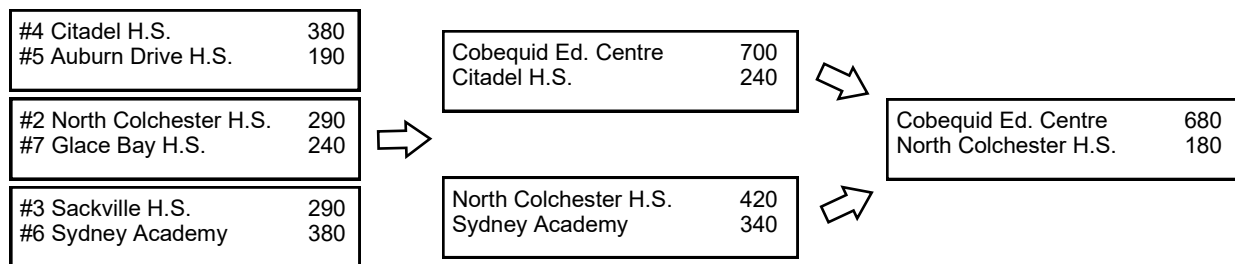
NOVA SCOTIA REPORT

By Hans Budgey,
Nova Scotia Provincial Co-ordinator

A successful 2008-2009 season of Reach For The Top / Schoolreach in Nova Scotia culminated in the two-day Provincial Finals held this year at Bible Hill, at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College Haley Institute. On Saturday, April 25th, 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	4	0	1930	450	+1480
2	North Colchester High School	3	1	1050	840	+210
3	Sackville High School	2	2	890	940	-50
4	Citadel High School	1	3	640	1250	-610
5	Auburn Drive High School	0	4	390	1420	-1030
6	Sydney Academy	1	0	210	160	+50
7	Glace Bay High School	0	1	210	210	-50

On Sunday, April 26th, the finals were held: using the seeding results from Day One of the competition, the following play-off schedule took place:



Congratulations to the Champion, **Cobequid Educational Centre** and team members **Alan Fiddles, Megan Geddes, Amy MacLean, Gillian Manley, Janis Nams, Peter Rau,** and Coach **Nicole Hart.**

NEW BRUNSWICK REPORT

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

The past year was another busy one for New Brunswick Reach for the Top students and advisors. The 2008-2009 Reach for the Top season had an exciting beginning with invitational tournaments held in Oromocto on December 6th, with 20 teams competing. Kennebecasis Valley High #1 was the winner in the "A" Final. The next invitational tournament was held at Kennebecasis Valley High on February 7th with KVHS winners in the "A" Final. The third tournament was held at Saint John High on March 14th where KVHS again was victorious in the "A" Final. The last invitational tournament was held at Rothesay-Netherwood School on March 28th with KVHS continuing their domination and 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, going home with more knowledge than before.

The Provincial Tournament was hosted by Oromocto High School on April 18th, with 10 teams competing in the Championship Section and 15 teams competing in the Non-Championship Section. Kennebecasis High was victorious over St. Malachy's High in the Championship final in an excellent, fast paced game. Kennebecasis Valley High was a formidable opponent again this season as they did not lose a single game during the entire season.

St. Malachy's High School emerged as a very competitive team all season and was invited to the National Tournament as the Provincial Runner-Up but was unable to attend.

Students and advisors are all looking forward to another exciting full season of Reach for the Top 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 Reach for the Top in New Brunswick during the 2008-2009 school year.

Have a wonderful summer vacation.

Congratulations to the Champion, **Kennebecasis Valley High School** and team members **Michael Forestall, Josh Koncovy, Nick Manuel, Alexander Maxan, Stephen Spence, Jordan Woods,** and Coach **Jason Thorne.**



QUEBEC REPORT

*By Ivan Gombos
Quebec Provincial Co-ordinator*

In this, our ninth year of competition, we had two participating Leagues most ably co-ordinated by Janet Wyman, Emilie Richer, and Ryan Snickars (of Dawson College) and Maureen Webster and Nancy McDougal (of LCC and Royal West, respectively).

In addition to the seven schools active this year, at least two others expressed an interest and will hopefully be joining us next year.

Loyola High, Royal West Academy, Marianopolis College and Dawson College faced off in the 2009 Quebec Championship Tournament. In very closely contested games, Marianopolis emerged the Quebec Champion, and prizes were awarded to the First and Second place teams.

Aside from the above League Co-Ordinators, I would also like to thank Alan Greig, Laine Frajberg and Jeff Freeman for assisting in judging, question reading and other tasks. The steadfast moral and financial support from Donna Varrica, Geoff Kloos, and Carey-Ann Pawsey (Dawson Public Relations), Ray Boucher and Paul Rastelli (Student Services) and Richard Filion (Director General of Dawson) is also greatly appreciated..

Congratulations to the Champion, Marianopolis College and team members Caroline Cawley, Sarah Chau, Mathew Kennerknecht, Edward Zhang and Coach Jeffrey Freeman.

BRITISH COLUMBIA REPORT

Another season of playing School Reach on the West Coast has drawn to a close with a significant change. This year saw the end of B.C. Reach for the Top's association with Knowledge Network after six successful years of televising the Provincial Championships. Unfortunately, with the closing of their production facilities, Knowledge Network can no longer produce and air our games. We will miss their involvement in the final stages of our competition and we wish to thank them for their support of Reach for the Top over the years.

Currently, more than 40 schools across the province have teams participating at the Senior and/or Junior/Intermediate levels, and these teams look forward to the annual tournaments.

On February 27th, the Junior/Intermediate Provincial Tournament was held at Vancouver College, where 20 schools competed for the championship. Thank you to Juan Pineda for hosting and organizing this event. After a series of seeding games, the top 16 schools proceeded to the championship rounds.

Congratulations to the Intermediate Reach for the Top champion: the team from St. George's School (Vancouver) for winning the school trophy and gold medal. Second place went to Burnaby North Secondary (Burnaby) and third place to Sir Winston Churchill Secondary (Vancouver). Well-played!

The 2009 B.C. Reach for the Top Provincial Championship (Senior level) was held on April 3rd at Richmond High School. Many thanks to John Ryan for running the competition and for organizing the thirty schools that attended the tournament. After several fast-paced seeding games, the 16 highest scoring teams continued to the championship rounds.

At the end of the evening, it was a repeat victory. **The 2009 B.C. Reach for the Top Provincial Champion Sir Winston Churchill Secondary team (Vancouver) who won gold and retained the school trophy. Silver went to Burnaby North Secondary (Burnaby) and bronze to University Hill Secondary (Vancouver).** Kudos to all of the players of the winning teams. It was a very exciting and successful end to a year of pursuing knowledge. Thank you to all the players and their coaches for making this another great year for Reach for the Top in B.C.

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

Congratulations to Champion, Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School and team members Roger Zhang, Marc Hewitt, Derek So, Aaron Lao, Richard Wang, Andrew Wang, Steven Zhu, Jason Lin, Iris Luo and Coach Donna Choo.



ONTARIO REPORT

By Pat Beecham-Cooper
Judge, Ontario Provincial Finals

The Ontario Reach for the Top Finals were held May 9-12 in Scarborough, Ontario, at the Progress Campus of Centennial College, Pope John Paul II High School and TVOntario's production centre at Studioasis.

Forty-four teams (winners of their leagues) vied for the 10 spots in the finals to be taped by TVOntario. A round-robin tournament was held on Sunday, May 10th. The ranking of the top 10 was determined by win/loss record, and highest aggregate scores.

At the Studioasis production centre, there were 5 elimination games, with the winner of each game and the highest scoring losing team advanced to the quarter-finals. The winners of these three games and the highest scoring losing team advanced to the semi-finals, with the two winning teams playing off for the championship. All teams were highly competitive. London Central was the eventual Ontario Champion.

On Saturday evening at the celebratory banquet, Fraser Simpson, coach of the team from University of Toronto Schools, led the crowd in a rousing game of "True or False", with lots of prizes for the winners.

Thanks to Pope John Paul II for their hospitality in staging the round robin. Many thanks to volunteers Ashley Gheerowo, Tierney Thorne, Donital Alfred, Amanda Davis, Shante Allen, Meagan Blandizz and Sam Barron. Also, thanks to the coaches from JP11; Teresa Chung, Anthony Hageman and Chris Premdas for organizing and hosting. Thanks to the Reach staff for providing an excellent tournament. Thanks to all the teams and coaches for their hard work and success and good sportsmanship. Thanks also to our enthusiastic MC, Richard Koo, and to my co-judge, Ravi Lall, who is always on top of his game.



Congratulations to the Champion, **London Central Secondary School** and team members **Max Trower, Ming -Ho Yee, Kyle Arsenault Mehta, Connor Pierotti, Elizabeth Gray, Myrna Moretti** and Coach **Mike Pizzutti**

2008/2009 ONTARIO FINALS RESULTS

Finals Games 1-5	
1 TanenbaumCHAT-Kimel	450
10 Pickering H.S.	280
2 Merivale H.S.	440
9 Westdale S.S.	300
3 Woburn C.I.	410
8 Waterloo C.I.	290
4 Lisgar C.I.	300
7 Centennial C.V.I.	330
5 U.T.S.	390
6 London Central S.S.**	370

**highest scoring loser moves on.

Finals Games 6-8	
TanenbaumCHAT-Kimel	300
London Central S.S.	400
Merivale H.S.	440
Centennial C.V.I.	290
Woburn C.I.**	350
U.T.S.	390

**highest scoring loser moves on.

Finals Games 9-10 (Semi-Finals)	
Merivale H.S.	430
Woburn C.I.**	330
U.T.S.	340
London Central S.S.	350

**wild card.

Finals Game 11 (The Finals)	
Merivale H.S.	280
London Central S.S.	350

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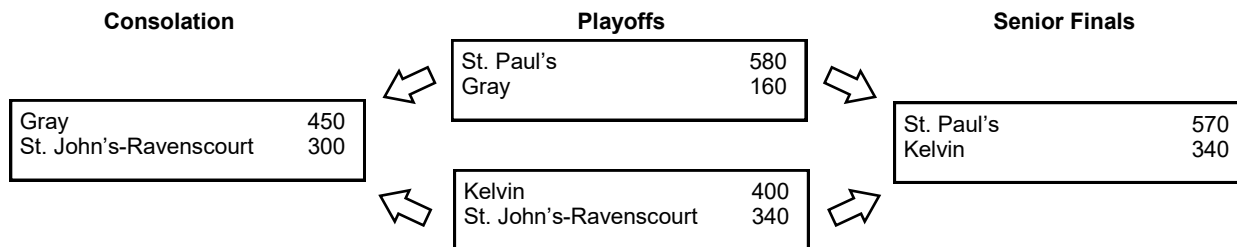
MANITOBA REPORT

By Murray Karlicki,
Manitoba Provincial Co-ordinator

Manitoba ran six Senior and four Intermediate leagues. Warren Collegiate was welcomed into the league for the first time. Both Senior and Intermediate divisions saw a repeat of last year, with St. Paul's High and St. John's-Ravenscourt defending their respective titles. This year's Senior provincials were hosted by St. Paul's High and the team coach, Johnston Smith. The results were as follows:

Pool A			
Team	W	L	Points
Garden Valley	1	2	990
St. Paul's	2	1	1430
Carberry	1	2	1110
Kelvin	2	1	1140

Pool B			
Team	W	L	Points
St. John's-Ravenscourt	3	0	1270
Vincent Massey	0	3	960
Gray	2	1	1070
Teulon	1	2	1070



Congratulations to Champion, **St. Paul's High School** and team members **Ethan Chess, Douglas Feltham, Alex Pawlowski, Peyton Veitch, Eric Williams** and Coach **Johnston Smith**, for winning the Senior division.

The intermediate playoffs were hosted by St. John's-Ravenscourt and their coach Frank Kores:

Intermediate Tournament			
Team	W	L	Points
St. John's-Ravenscourt	5	0	2070
Deloraine	3	2	1580
Shaftesbury	3	2	1430
Garden Valley	2	3	1310
Pinawa	1	4	1110
Dauphin	1	4	1100

Intermediate Finals	
St. John's-Ravenscourt	480
Deloraine	190

Congratulations to Intermediate Champion, St. John's Ravenscourt and team members Eli Koulack, Kaien Gu, Kenji Pliszko, Derek Calsbeck, Charlie Kileen and Jean-Marc Hache and coach Frank Kores.

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 Alberta teams have had an exciting year of keen competition. Most teams started league play after Christmas with a few starting right in November! Provincial tournaments this year were spaced a week apart.

The **Junior and Intermediate Provincials** were held in Onoway, Alberta, a small community approximately half an hour outside Edmonton. Under the guidance of Jim Fegyverneki and the staff of Onoway school, participants and visitors were treated to a wonderfully organized two days event. The cafeteria staff saw to it that everyone was well-fed with a scrumptious lunch, and participants enjoyed the many draws that occurred over the noon hour. Teams in each division were divided into two pools and 1st and 2nd in each pool crossed over into the semi finals.

The results were as follows:

JUNIORS

1. Crestomere - Provincial Champs
2. Calmar
3. Lacombe Junior High
4. Onoway #1
5. Trochu Valley
6. Percy Baxter
7. Elnora
8. Onoway #2
9. Wetaskiwin

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

1. Calmar – Provincial Champs
2. Onoway #1
3. Hilltop High
4. Ponoka Composite
5. Hunting Hills
6. Lacombe Junior High
7. Onoway #2
8. Trochu Valley
9. Onoway #3
10. Wetaskiwin

The **Spirit** went to Elnora School in the Junior Division and Onoway #1 in the Intermediate Division.

Award trophies

A sincere thanks to all the staff who helped organize, read and scorekeep. It was a great two days!

Senior Provincials deviated from our usual seeding tournament and TV studio format to a series of games staged at the Red Deer College Campus in Red Deer Alberta. Participants and visitors were treated to a wonderful location with lots to see, especially for our senior students, under the great organization of Shane Westin. Commendations go out to Red Deer College for hosting this event and organizing it in less than three weeks! We enjoyed meeting the staff who acted as readers and judges, and the wonderful surprise that six of them were alumni of Reach For the Top! It is great to have past players return, on the other side of the table! Special thanks to Gerri Buccini, Markus Chan, Julie May and Luke Wilson for driving in from Edmonton to help out with reading.

A new team was introduced to play this year as a result of an odd number of teams. Team RDC played in pool B and was made up of substitute players from each of the schools. Their task was to try to beat the team they were playing! It was a great way for everyone to get into some games.

The final results and standings after a full day of competition were as follows:

Pool A

- Oilfields
- Old Scona – 1st in round robin
- Calmar – 2nd in round robin
- Hilltop High
- Hunting Hills
- Wetaskiwin

Pool B

- Trochu Valley
- Ponoka Composite
- Harry Ainlay – 1st in round robin
- West Isalnd – 2nd in round robin
- Bellerose
- RDC Team

Games were very close in the finals and the results were as follows:

1. West Island – Provincial Champs and off to Nationals.
2. Harry Ainlay – 2nd place and off to Nationals.
(Final score 520 – 440)
3. Old Scona
4. Calmar
5. Hunting Hills
6. Bellerose
7. Ponoka Comp
8. Hilltop High
9. Trochu Valley
10. Wetaskiwin
11. Oilfields



Bill Wilson for
Thanks
continued support of the program and for always being there to help out with the buzzer systems!

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We are hopeful that the TV station will have a change of heart and choose to support the Reach Teams again in the future.

Congratulations to the Champion, **West Island College** and team members **Courtney Black, Joan Kelly, Christina Schweitzer, Carter Smith, David Telfer, Michael Zawalsky** and Coach **Claire Allen**.

SASKATCHEWAN REPORT

From **Carpenter High School** in Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan, Coach Travis Harrington, Krystle Valliere, Jenifer Gedison, Kim Ho, Matthew Gedison, Kevin Yu and Charlie Marsh, take in the sights of Bloor Street West in downtown Toronto during a game-break at University of Toronto Schools at the National Finals.



NATIONAL GAMES

*By Paul Russell,
Director, Reach For The Top Inc.*

This year, Provincial Champions traveled by plane, train and car from across Canada to gather in Toronto on Saturday, May 23, 2009. We were especially pleased to have a school from Saskatchewan join us at the National Finals. The province was represented by Carpenter High School from Meadow Lake. We hope to see Saskatchewan represented every year from now on.

After registration on Saturday, a full round-robin tournament was conducted in the classrooms of University of Toronto Schools. We were fortunate to have these articulate and patient readers for the tournament: Mitch Boyle, Hans Budgey, Jon Gale, Jason Himsl, Carol Pierce and Luke Stark.

On Sunday, the National Finals series of 12 games began. Eleven of these were played in the auditorium of University of Toronto Schools, with an enthusiastic audience. The duties of quizmaster were undertaken by Nova Scotia Co-ordinator Hans Budgey and Editorial Producer Richard Koo. Our thanks to these two rapid-fire experts and to our ever-alert judges for these games, Patricia Beecham-Cooper and Ravi Lall. Thanks also to UTS, our host school, and to Fraser Simpson, the coach of the UTS team, for making us welcome.

The twelfth game, the National Championship event, was taped for broadcast by TVOntario, directed by Sidney Cohen, with the crisply elegant Nicole Stamp as host.

Following the final game, a Gala Dinner was held at the Old Spaghetti Factory in the historic district of Old Town Toronto. Medals and prizes were presented by our lively MC, Richard Koo, and beaming winning faces from across the country were captured by flashing cameras.

The announcement of the "Dream Team" of four MVP's, as selected by a panel of Reach production staff, was the highlight of the evening. Each of these students was awarded a bursary, courtesy of former Reach player Dr. John Wojcik and his wife Diane.



MVPs (left to right): **Nick Manuel** (Kennebecasis Valley H.S., NB); **Jenny Gu** (University of Toronto Schools, ON); **Peter Rau** (Cobequid Education Centre, NS); **Max Trower** (London Central S.S., ON).

NATIONALS CONTINUED

2008/2009 NATIONAL FINALS RESULTS

Finals Games 1—5

12 Kelvin H.S. (MB)	470
13 Carpenter H.S. (SK)	130

8 Harry Ainlay H.S.(AB)	400
9 Marianopolis College (QC)	350

5 Merivale H.S. (ON)	400
12 Kelvin H.S. (MB)	270

6 St. Paul's H.S. (MB)	490
10 West Island College (AB)	500

7 Sir Winston Churchill (BC)	490
11 Burnaby North S.S. (BC)	210

Finals Games 6-9

1 Kennebecasis Valley (NB)	400
8 Harry Ainlay H.S. (AB)	370

4 Cobequid Ed. Centre (NS)	490
5 Merivale H.S. (ON)	420

3 U.T.S. (ON)	540
10 West Island College (AB)	320

2 London Central S.S.(ON)	400
7 Sir Winston Churchill (BC)	380

Finals Games 10-11 (Semi-Finals)

1 Kennebecasis Valley (NB)	350
4 Cobequid Ed. Centre (NS)	330

3 U.T.S. (ON)	340
2 London Central S.S.(ON)	390

Finals Game 12 (The Finals)

1 Kennebecasis Valley (NB) ?
2 London Central S.S.(ON) ?

THE FINAL GAME



KENNEBECASIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

VS

LONDON CENTRAL SECONDARY SCHOOL



**To find out the winner,
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