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LAURIER EXPERT ALERT: Sports and National Identity

WATERLOO – The Toronto Blue Jays play in their first playoff game since 1993 on Thursday, Oct. 8 – generating a fan following from around the country.

There are several Laurier experts available to comment on sports and national identity:

Jordan Goldstein, instructor in Laurier's Kinesiology and Physical Education program, is an expert on national identity and sports. Contact information: jgoldstein@wlu.ca.

"As the Blue Jays fly high into the playoffs, Canadians have overwhelmingly adopted this flock as Canada's own team. Baseball, once the most popular sport in Canada during the 19th century, has found its fan following in the 21st century. Could Canadians move beyond hockey to find national identification through baseball if the Jays continue to do well into the playoffs?"

Tim Elcombe, associate professor in Laurier's Kinesiology and Physical Education program, is an expert on the sociocultural aspects of sport and human movement, the connections between human movement and culture, and how sport can function as a socio-political tool. Contact information: telcombe@wlu.ca.

Areas of Expertise:

- Philosophy of sport and physical culture
- Ethics of sport and physical activity
- Sport and physical culture as a political tool
- Use and abuse of sport technology
- History of sport and physical culture
- Coaching and sport leadership

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