

## V. North America

V-1 Riess, Steven A. "Sport and the Redefinition of American Middle-class Masculinity," *The international Journal of the History of Sport*, Vol. 8, 1. (May 1991) 5-27.

The early Victorian period of the nineteenth century found middle-class American males to be work-oriented and decidedly non-recreational. By mid-century, urbanization, immigration and industrialization (with the loss of the former work environment) lead to a change within this group. It moved from the belief that sport was only for roughnecks to become a positive model of male identity. Of particular influence was the British use of team games for strength and moral training which transferred to the American environment and its justification of sport by World War I. 42 notes.

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V-2 Sailes, Gary. "Myth of Black Sports Supremacy," *Journal of Black Studies* 21, No. 4 (June 1991), 480-487.

The article summarizes research in the areas of physiology, anthropology and sociology that examine the supposed superiority of black athletes. The literature through

the years finds little variation in physical capacity between black and white participants. Success centers around one's own physical characteristics and interests. High black representation in certain sports such as basketball, boxing and track centers on social, psychological and economic situations rather than any inherent physical supremacy. 21 notes.

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V-3 Files, James. "Smocks and Jocks: The Establishment of the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation, 1974," *Ontario History*, 83, No. 3 (September 1991), 209-223.

In 1974 Ontario's Conservative government established a Ministry of Culture and Recreation. A wide range of programs and services were administered through this new ministry; among them were sports and fitness programs. Two departures from Ontario traditions accompanied the creation of the new government unit. One was government promotion of multiculturalism. The second was the establishment of a public lottery to finance cultural and recreational programs. This article explains how all of these developments were related. Based on primary and secondary sources; 70 notes.

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