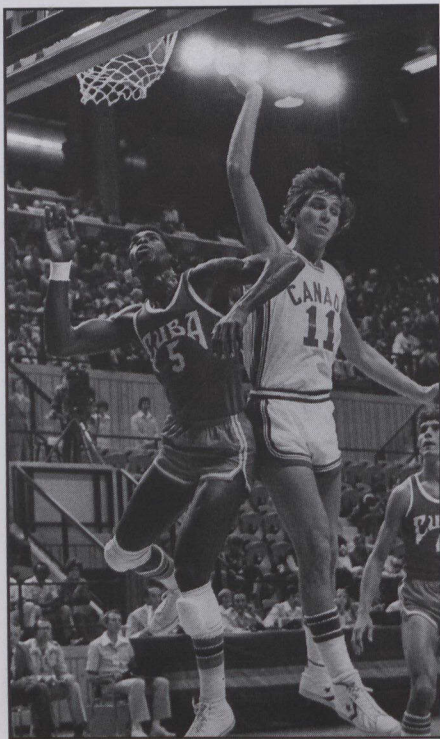




Miguelina Cobián, winning gold medal in 4 x 100-metre relay, Pan American Games, Winnipeg, 1967

other was the Pan American Games, hosted by Winnipeg in 1967, Canada's centennial year. Canada captured second place in the gold-medal standings at the 1967 games, with Cuba taking fourth spot. One of the stars of the 1967 Pan Am Games was Cuban female sprinter Miguelina Cobián, who won a bronze in the 200 metres, a silver in the 100 metres and led her team to

gold in the women's 4 x 100 metres relay.



The 1976 Montreal Summer Olympics occupy a special place in the annals of Cuba-Canada sport history. In Montreal, the Cuban athletes delivered some classic performances, remembered by fans around the world. One outstanding example was the medium distance runner, Alberto Juantorena. On July 25, 1976, he crossed the finish line of the 800-metre event with a time of 1:53:50, winning gold for Cuba and setting a new world record. Three days later, Juantorena repeated his gold-medal performance, winning the 400-metre event and, in the process, recording an Olympic first in taking gold in both the 400-metre and 800-metre events. This success converted him into an instant favourite with the Montreal fans. Also fondly remembered from the 1976 Olympics is Cuban heavyweight boxing legend, Teófilo Stevenson, who won the second of his three consecutive Olympic gold medals. In men's basketball, Cuba and Canada played an intense qualifying match leading up to the medal round, with Canada narrowly edging Cuba 84-79 to finish in the fourth spot overall.

Ruperto Herrera and Jamie Russell, Olympic Games, Montreal, 1976