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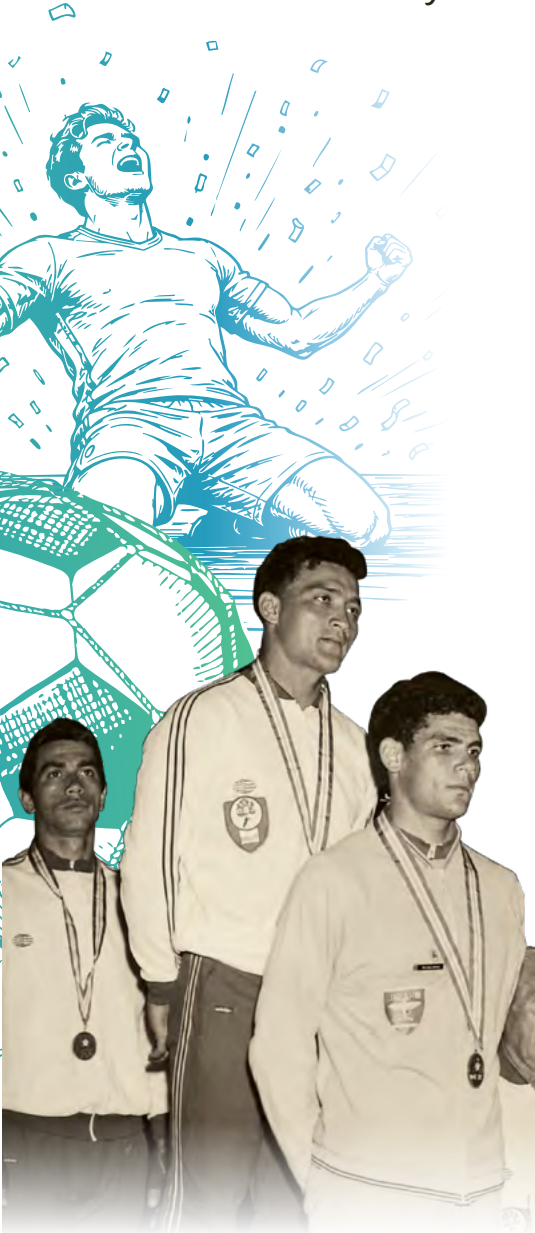


1966 - Général Pierre BILLOTTE inaugure le stade de Magenta © L'histoire du sport calédonien

SECOND SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES IN NEW CALEDONIA

These second Games had to be a success. New Caledonia received financial support from the State to build the essential infrastructure. The Magenta Stadium in Nouméa was inaugurated on the day of the opening ceremony, in front of 15,000 spectators. The parade of delegations was impressive, and the Cagous received a standing ovation. Throughout the city, shops offered keychains, ashtrays, pennants, T-shirts, stamps, and more. The Games also had to be a commercial success!

The sports on the program were athletics, basketball, boxing, cycling, football, swimming, tennis, table tennis, volleyball, weightlifting, netball, and rugby union. The participating delegations were the Cook Islands, Fiji, Guam, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Nauru, the New Hebrides, New Caledonia, Papua and New Guinea, Wallis and Futuna, the Solomon Islands, French Polynesia, American Samoa, Western Samoa, and Tonga.



TAHITI'S FOOTBALLERS WIN GOLD!

The Tahitian footballers took their revenge for Suva and won the gold medal by defeating New Caledonia 2-0, leaving the host territory almost in mourning.

Volleyball players, both men and women, basketball players, both men and women, Charles Tetaria in the long jump, Jean Bourne in the 200 meters, Bernard Balastre in pole vault, John Salmon in high jump, Bopp du Pont in cycling, and the table tennis players all added to Tahiti's medal harvest.

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New Caledonia won comfortably with 39 gold medals, ahead of Fiji with 19 and French Polynesia with 13.

The closing parade was held without protocol: vibrant, colorful, and with all delegations mixed together! Lasting loyal and fraternal relationships would be formed between Polynesian, Melanesian, and Micronesian athletes. It was a total success. The Games flag was handed over to Papua and New Guinea.

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Nations participantes	Disciplines sportives
PODIUM DES MÉDAILLES D'OR	
Nouvelle-Calédonie	 39
Fidji	 19
Polynésie française	 13

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