

1969

PORT MORESBY • AUGUST 13 TO 23



1969 - opening ceremony © L'histoire du Sport Calédonien

THIRD SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES IN PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Port Moresby, the capital of Papua and New Guinea, welcomed the Solomon Islands, Fiji, Guam, New Caledonia, the New Hebrides, French Polynesia, American and Western Samoa, Tonga, Wallis and Futuna, and Nauru, the smallest republic on the planet. The dry season was marked by a constant dust-carrying wind, and the heat was scorching.

Athletics, basketball, boxing, football, golf, weightlifting, judo, swimming, netball, rugby union, softball, tennis, table tennis, sailing, and volleyball were on the program.

A UNIQUE OPENING CEREMONY!

The opening ceremony, presided over by the Duchess and Duke of Kent, was magnificent. The Royal Police Band, followed by dance groups from several tribes, brought an exceptional local touch and spectacle to the event. The Tahitian delegation, dressed in red and white and wearing flower crowns, was met with great success.



12

Nations
participantes

15

Disciplines
sportives

PODIUM DES MÉDAILLES D'OR

Nouvelle-Calédonie		36
Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée		23
Fidji		13



1969 - équipe de tennis nouvelle calédonie
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GOLD MORE RARE FOR TAHITI

Team sports missed their chance at gold, with the exception of the men's basketball team and the women's volleyball team. The footballers were defeated by a New Caledonian side eager for revenge. Jean Bourne in the 100 and 200 meters, John Salmon in the high jump, and the table tennis players in mixed doubles and men's doubles brought Tahiti's total number of gold medals to seven, compared with thirteen in Nouméa.

New Caledonia, with 36 gold medals, finished ahead of Papua and New Guinea with 23, Fiji with 13, and French Polynesia with 7.

The mediocre, biased, and questionable refereeing would be remembered.

Fortunately, everything ended in good humor and joy during the parade, with all these colorful delegations gathered together.

Tahiti would host the next Games in 1971!



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RENDEZ-VOUS À TAHITI
EN 1971 !



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