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FIFTH SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES IN GUAM

As the Games approached in Guam, local teams showed strong commitment in preparing to welcome the delegations within a complex logistical context. Despite efforts made over several years, some infrastructure could not be completed on time, leading to last-minute adjustments in the organization of the competitions.

The sports facilities, some of them temporary, required athletes and team officials to show a great capacity for adaptation. The delegations demonstrated solidarity and flexibility in order to ensure that the events could proceed smoothly. The opening ceremony took place under tropical rain, creating an atmosphere that was both memorable and authentic.



13

Nations
participantes

16

Disciplines
sportives

PODIUM DES MÉDAILLES D'OR

Nouvelle-Calédonie  **37**

Polynésie française  **27**

Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée  **22**

AN EDITION RICH IN GOLD MEDALISTS

Polynesian swimming collected seven gold medals with H. Teaha, K. Noble, H. Noble, M. Lavigne, K. Ceran, R. Chapman, and the women's 4x200-meter freestyle relay. Danièle Guyonnet was the queen of the Games, winning gold in the 100-meter hurdles, pentathlon, high jump, and 4x100-meter relay with A. Tefana, T. Bennett, and L. Bernardino.

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The Polynesian footballers overcame the New Caledonians, their favorite rivals! The spearfishers were unstoppable: Francis Nanai in the individual event, and Mauri and Georges Ateo in the team event. In tennis, Véronique Vanaa won gold in women's singles, while Pierre Laharrague and Isabelle Pichevin won in mixed doubles. Table tennis player Victor Lau earned four medals individually, then in the team event with Lieou Kui and Hélène Trafton. Judoka Jean-François Juan also earned gold, and finally, the women's basketball team.

In the final standings, New Caledonia finished first with 37 gold medals, followed by French Polynesia with 27, and Papua New Guinea, under its new name, with 22.

Despite the organizational challenges encountered, these fifth South Pacific Games remain a landmark edition, illustrating the determination of the organizers and the spirit of resilience and fraternity that characterize the Oceanian sporting movement.



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