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SEVENTH SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES IN SAMOA

Independent since 1962, Western Samoa had modest financial resources. China contributed six million dollars to support the completion of the hosting infrastructure. In just 18 months, a magnificent stadium and indoor sports hall were built.

The Games Committee granted exclusive broadcasting rights to a Samoan-American production company. As a result, RFO cameraman Jean-Raymond Bodin had to work within the restrictions imposed by the rights holder, who ensured that those rights were respected. The Cook Islands, Fiji, Guam, Niue, Norfolk Island, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, now under its new name, French Polynesia, the Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, and Wallis and Futuna made up the parade of 2500 athletes.



15

Nations
participantes

13

Disciplines
sportives

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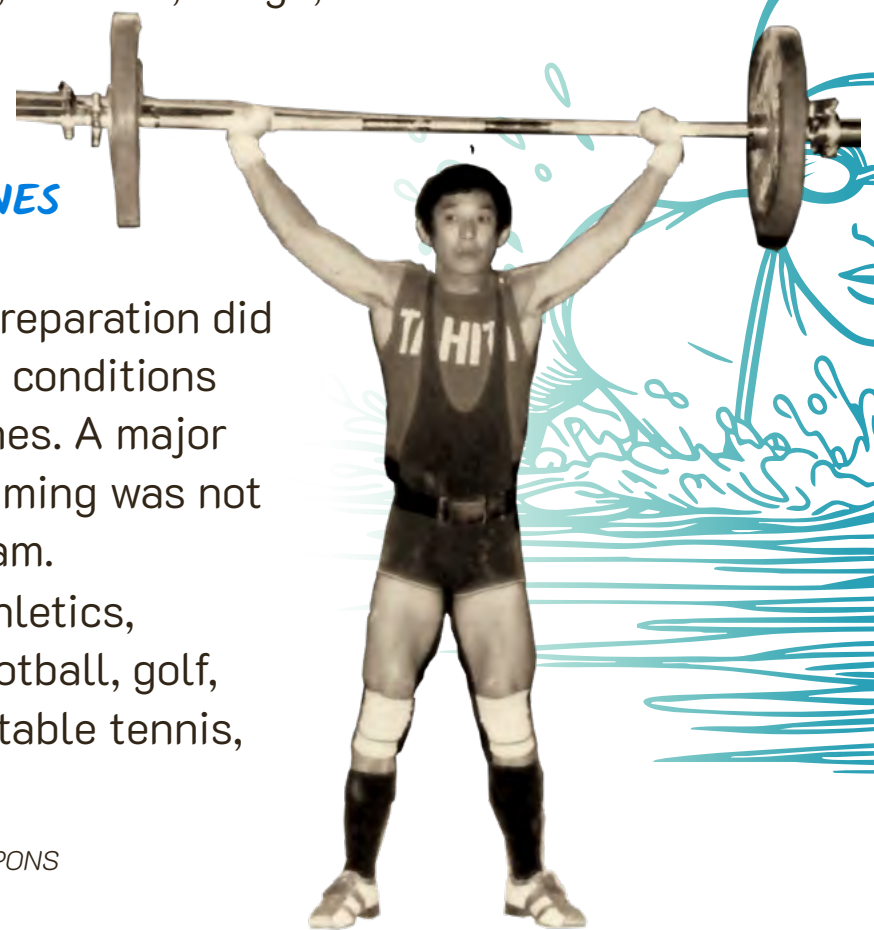
Nouvelle-Calédonie		24
Samoa occidentales		20
Polynésie française		13

PREPARATION DISRUPTED BY CYCLONES

The Tahitian team's preparation did not benefit from ideal conditions because of the cyclones. A major disappointment: swimming was not included in the program.

Tahiti competed in athletics, basketball, boxing, football, golf, weightlifting, tennis, table tennis, and volleyball.

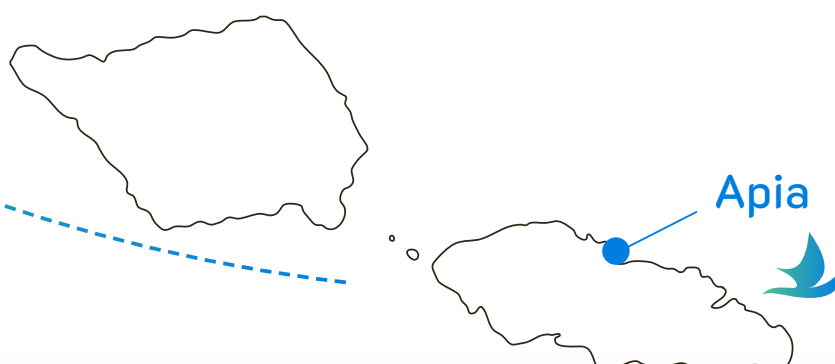
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Albertine An and Vetea Dehors in high jump, Léonne Ley in the 400 meters, and the 4x100-meter relay team, made up of Albertine An, Léonne Ley, Sandra Yansaud, and Jessie Manutahi, brought home four gold medals. The footballers won their third consecutive title, while weightlifter André Massin defended his gold! On the tennis courts, Véronique Vanaa, Josiane Vongy, Thierry Hargous, and Daniel Langy all earned medals. Table tennis players Victor Lau and Luana Trafton won the mixed doubles, and Tahiti also claimed victory in the men's team event. The women's volleyball team was crowned once again !

There was no surprise in the final standings: New Caledonia won with 24 gold medals, ahead of Western Samoa, which swept the boxing events with 20, and French Polynesia with 13. New Caledonia would organize the eighth edition of the South Pacific Games, which had become an unmissable gathering for the youth of Oceania.



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