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EIGHTH SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES IN NEW CALEDONIA

New Caledonia had recently gone through a difficult period, marked by strong tensions between loyalists and independence supporters. However, thanks to the implementation of strict security measures, the events were able to take place without incident. Twelve countries and territories were represented: the Cook Islands, Fiji, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Norfolk Island, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, French Polynesia, American Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, and Wallis and Futuna. A total of 1,650 athletes marched in the grand opening ceremony at Magenta Stadium.

Eighteen sports were on the program: athletics, basketball, boxing, cricket, cycling, football, judo, rugby, sailing, squash, table tennis, tennis, weightlifting, and volleyball. The return of cycling, swimming, golf, spearfishing, and clay target shooting was also warmly welcomed.

LAURENCE LACOMBE, QUEEN OF THE GAMES

Laurence Lacombe won nine gold medals, while Tahitian swimming made a clean sweep with the 4x400-meter medley relay. On the men's side, Maurice Laloum brought home four gold medals. Gold also went to boxers Ismaël Tahiaata, Tora Huukena, Patrice Gobrait, and Honoré Avae. The women's volleyball team kept its crown.

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12

Nations
participantes

18

Disciplines
sportives

PODIUM DES MÉDAILLES D'OR

Nouvelle-Calédonie		82
Polynésie française		35
Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée		15

Tennis player Daniel Langy won gold in singles and doubles with Augustin Hoatua, while Véronique Vanaa and Josiane Vongy also added gold. The spearfishers Milton Taera, Anthony Paheroo, and Ariipeu Cowan also contributed to the gold medal tally.



1987 - La sélection d'haltérophilie © Patrick PONS

Weightlifters Gérard Kohumoetini, Patrick Mihuraa, Richard Orairai, and Shalin Tinorua collected gold.



1987 - La sélection pêche-sous-marine © Patrick PONS

New Caledonia dominated the Games with 82 gold medals, ahead of French Polynesia with 35 and Papua New Guinea with 15, completing the podium. The closing parade brought together athletes, officials, and volunteers in a beautiful, joyful, and colorful procession. We will return to Port Moresby in four years !



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