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NINTH SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The security situation in Port Moresby raised concerns among the Games organizers. However, the introduction of a curfew and reinforced security measures proved effective. In addition, the choice of two sites, Port Moresby and Lae, located 350 km apart, made communication between the delegations more complicated.

The sixteen participating countries and territories were the Cook Islands, Fiji, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Nauru, Niue, Norfolk Island, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, French Polynesia, the Solomon Islands, American Samoa, Western Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, and Wallis and Futuna. Seventeen disciplines were on the program: athletics, basketball, boxing, lawn bowls, cricket, football, golf, weightlifting, swimming, netball, rugby, softball, squash, tennis, table tennis, and volleyball.



16

Nations
participantes

17

Disciplines
sportives

PODIUM DES MÉDAILLES D'OR

Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée		44
Polynésie française		30
Nouvelle-Calédonie		29

The women's volleyball team extended its reign. Albertine An won gold in the 100-meter hurdles, long jump, and high jump, alongside Thibault Cattiau in pole vault and Gordon Barff in discus.



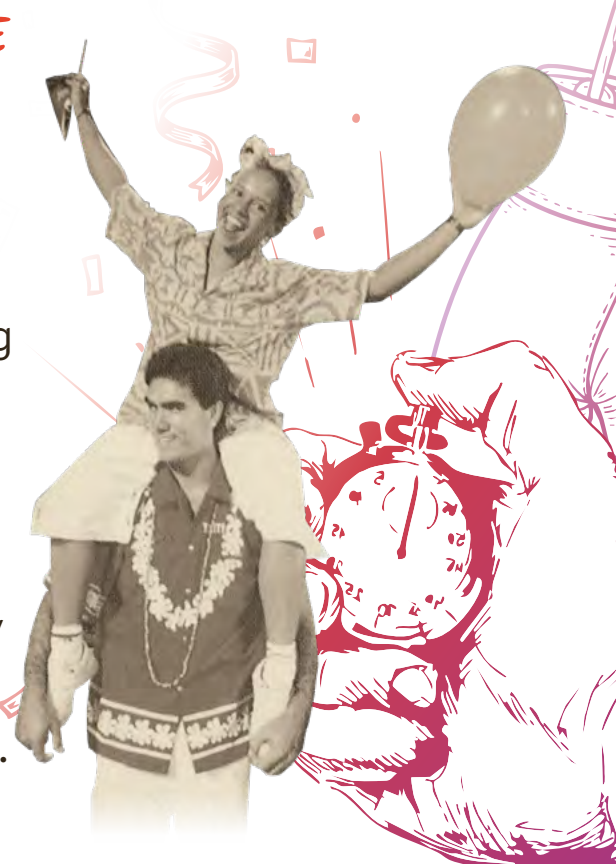
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Polynesian tennis achieved a near Grand Slam, missing only the women's singles. Franck Martineau, Claude Mottet, Josiane Vongy, and Véronique Vanaa earned six gold medals.

DIANE LACOMBE, THE LITTLE GOLDEN FISH

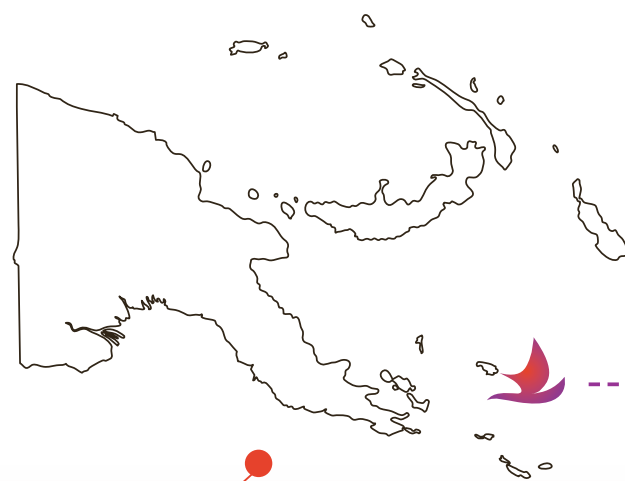
The younger sister of Laurence, queen of the Nouméa Games, dominated her opponents by winning 10 gold medals! The Papuans gave her the nickname "the little golden fish." Gold also came four times for Maurice Laloum, Arthur Agnieray, and the 4x100-meter freestyle relay team, made up of Lionel Asin, James Anahoa, and Maurice Laloum.

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Weightlifter André Massin received his gold medal from Prince Edward. Papua New Guinea, with 44 gold medals, ended New Caledonia's winning streak. It finished ahead of French Polynesia with 30 and New Caledonia with 29. The closing ceremony was exceptional, marked by Papuan culture and diversity, as well as the warmth and kindness of the local population. Tahiti stood ready to organize the next edition in 1995.



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