

1999

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ELEVENTH SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES IN GUAM

Fate seemed to be against Guam, which had been severely affected by Typhoons Alex in 1997 and Yutu in 1998. Despite a limited budget of four million dollars, 21 countries took part in the competition: the Cook Islands, Fiji, Guam, Kiribati, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Norfolk Island, New Caledonia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, French Polynesia, the Solomon Islands, American and Western Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Wallis and Futuna.

Twenty-six sports were on the program: athletics, baseball, basketball, beach volleyball, boxing, golf, judo, karate, open water swimming, swimming, netball, rugby sevens, sailing, softball, taekwondo, tennis, table tennis, triathlon, spearfishing, weightlifting, freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling, and volleyball.



21

Nations
participantes

22

Disciplines
sportives

PODIUM DES MÉDAILLES D'OR

Nouvelle-Calédonie		72
Fidji		33
Nauru		27

TAHITI OVERTAKEN BY NAURU !

Georges Richmond in the 5 000 meters, 10 000 meters, and marathon; Teroro Meyer in the 5 000 meters; Laure-Hina Grépin in the marathon; Véronique Boyer in the heptathlon; and Léon Harehoe in the triathlon all stood out, as did boxers Tom Tamaititahio, Tauhiti Nena, and Coody Yann Torii.

photo : Tauhiti NENA © Patrick PONS



Laure-Hina Grépin, Jacky Brillant, Georges Richmond, Tutea Degage © Patrick PONS

Despite several titles, particularly in va'a, Tahiti totaled 26 gold medals, a result that was not enough to place at the top of the standings. New Caledonia, with 72 gold medals, dominated by a wide margin, ahead of Fiji with 33 and Nauru with 27.



1999 Guam - les basketteuses médaillées d'or © Patrick PONS

Tahiti remained just off the podium. This situation was largely explained by the outstanding performance of Nauru's weightlifters, who alone won 27 gold medals in the clean and jerk, snatch, and total. See you in Suva in four years.



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