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TWELFTH SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES IN THE FIJI ISLANDS

A return to Suva to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Games. Financial support of 16 million dollars from China made it possible to build a 15,000-seat national stadium, as well as an indoor sports hall and a field hockey pitch. Twenty-two countries were present, while Western Samoa was absent.

GIGANTIC SCALE: THIRTY-TWO SPORTS ON THE PROGRAM !

Athletics, badminton, baseball, clay target shooting, basketball, beach volleyball, bodybuilding, lawn bowls, boxing, cricket, cycling, football, golf, field hockey, judo, karate, swimming, netball, powerlifting, weightlifting, rugby sevens, squash, surfing, taekwondo, tennis, table tennis, archery, touch rugby, triathlon, va'a, sailing, and volleyball.



THE HOPE FOR 122 MEDALS WAS SURPASSED !

The Tahitians won 123 medals: 55 gold, 28 silver, and 40 bronze, exceeding the expected total. In va'a: Evangélique Tehiva with 2 gold medals, Karyl Maoni with 1, Georges Cronsteadt with 1, and the crews with 8.

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In athletics: Véronique Boyer in high jump and triple jump; Sandrine Nonnotte in the 1,500 meters; Sophie Gardon in the 5,000 meters and half marathon; and Georges Richmond in the 10,000 meters and half marathon. In bodybuilding: Manu Buchin with 2 gold medals. In boxing: Heiarii Hauata and Albert Tamaititahio. In cycling: Kylie Vernaudeau. In surfing: Hira Teriinatoofa. In judo: André Lallut and Arnaud Bertrand. In karate: James Tiaipoi and Rainui Galenon with 2 gold medals.

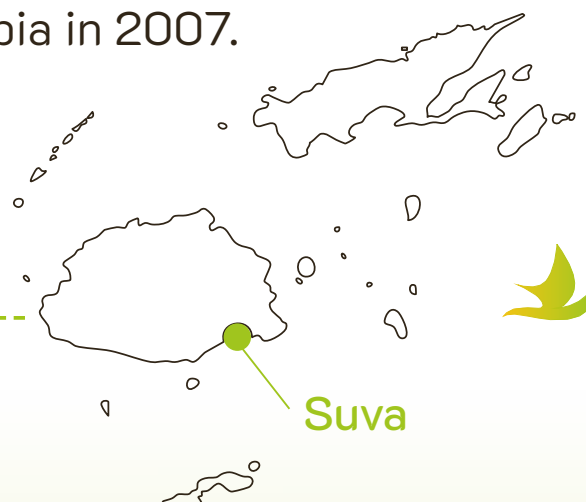


Heiarii Hauata © TAHITI PRESS

In taekwondo: Daniel Atcheson, Christophe Chuong, Brisco Panai, Jerry Teikituitona, Lana Panai, and the team event. In table tennis: Eric Cholet with 1 gold medal, and Eric Cholet with Lionel Chewtchouk with 1. In swimming: Rainui Teriipaia in the 50, 100, and 200-meter breaststroke, and Lacken Malateste in the 400-meter individual medley. In archery: Teiva Winkelstroeter with 3 gold medals and Teura Flores with 1.

In clay target shooting: Gino Mourin with 1 gold medal, and the team events with 3. In Laser sailing: Teiva Véronique with 1 gold medal, and the team event with 1. Gold also came through the men's and women's volleyball teams, as well as Axel Vaki and Maehanui Tuihani in beach volleyball.

New Caledonia won with 93 gold medals, ahead of Fiji with 65 and French Polynesia with 55. We will return to Apia in 2007.



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Eric cholet et Lionel Chewtchouk © TAHITI PRESS



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