

2023

HONIARA • NOVEMBER 19 TO DECEMBER 2



SEVENTEENTH PACIFIC GAMES IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

Tahiti's fourth-place finish at the Apia Games in 2019 had to be quickly forgotten and erased. Was the time for awakening, for a true comeback, now in Honiara ? Everything had been put in place in the pursuit of excellence.

TWENTY-FOUR COUNTRIES AND TWENTY-SEVEN SPORTS GATHERED

The flag bearers, table tennis player Keala Tehahetua and swimmer Keha Desbordes, led the Tahitian delegation. The teams of Australia, New Caledonia, Fiji, Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Nauru, Guam, New Zealand, the Cook Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, Wallis and Futuna, Vanuatu, the Federated States of Micronesia, Tonga, Tuvalu, Tokelau, Palau, Niue, Norfolk Island, Kiribati, American Samoa, and the host country filled the stadium field. Nearly 5,000 athletes competed for gold, silver, and bronze medals in football, sailing, tennis, table tennis, karate, swimming, judo, volleyball, golf, archery, rugby sevens, 3x3 and 5x5 basketball, weightlifting, triathlon, beach volleyball, basketball, athletics, taekwondo, boxing, bodybuilding, kayaking, va'a, and powerlifting.



24

Nations
participantes

24

Disciplines
sportives

PODIUM DES MÉDAILLES D'OR

Nouvelle-Calédonie		77
Polynésie française		51
Australie		48

LOUIS PROVOST, PRESIDENT OF THE POLYNESIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, HAD HOPED FOR 55 GOLD MEDALS. HIS WISH WAS GRANTED!

New Caledonia once again came out on top with 82 gold medals, ahead of Tahiti with 57 and Australia with 50. The Fenua's gold medalists were : Salomé de Barthez and Benjamin Zornotti in the half marathon; Teनावai Perez in high jump; Matheo Lada in pole vault; Raihau Maiau in long jump; and Amandine Matera in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Salomé de Barthez also won gold in triathlon and aquathlon, while Benjamin Zornotti won in triathlon, with additional gold medals in the mixed relay and the team triathlon-aquathlon events.

Gold also came through the women's basketball team, the women's 3x3 basketball team, the men's and women's volleyball teams, Kuaoleni Mercier in bodybuilding, Juliette Vizier and Mihiti Malateste in powerlifting, Raphaël Dauphin and Hereani Temarono in boxing, and Teraimatuatini Bopp, Jérémy Picard, Ambre Popoff, and Taamaterai Hervé in judo. The table tennis players won gold in the women's and men's team events, with Alizé Belrose in men's singles and the mixed doubles pair Océan Belrose and Kelley Tehahetua. In archery, gold medals were won by Aurore Cottet, the mixed team, and Raiarii Teuiiau in para sport. Para athletes Heiava Lamaud, Allgower Maruae, and Vincent Tehei also earned gold. In taekwondo, Kauehi Iorss, Hiritea Tepea, Rahiti Iorss, Manu Huaatua, and the men's and women's teams all claimed titles. In swimming, Keha Desbordes won gold in the 50-meter and 100-meter backstroke, while Naël Roux won in the 1,500 meters, 400-meter individual medley, and 5 km open water event. In

va'a, Tuterai Tereiamano, Teamoana Taputu, the women's teams in the 500-meter and 1,500-meter events, the men's team in the 1,500 meters, and the men's and women's marathon teams all brought home gold. The kayakers also shone, with Iloha Eychenne winning the 500 meters and 16 km events, alongside team victories in the women's 500 meters, men's 1,500 meters, and women's marathon. A remarkable moment: Angèle Richard, only 14 years old, competed in her first Games and won a bronze medal in the 1,500 meters in athletics. Total: 57 gold medals ! Bring on Tahiti 2027 !

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EN 2027 !**



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