

LAST OF THE SUPER GAMES

Two-and-a-half-thousand players and officials in Suva for the Sixth South Pacific Games were too many by far - even though Stan Brown and his army of organisers coped magnificently with this five loaves and two small fishes predicament, writes Bob Hawkins. The lesson has been learned - but perhaps not well enough in time for the 1983 seventh games in Western Samoa, With a competitor/official target of 1500 in mind, it seems a total of this magnitude could loom larger to tiny Apia than did 2500 to Suva. But first, back to this year's sporting extravagoeza.

Naturally, in 12 days of games, from the August 28 opening to September 8 closing ceremonies. there were whinges and groans, moments of bitterness and defiance, and the odd flash of pure chauvinism. But, most important, when the lonely late revelle thad sung his last hurrah, not a vord of serious justified dissent was to be heard. Even the French Polynesians - whose uniforms were clearly labelled Tahiti - had stopped complaining about the food and accommodation.

Perhaps the supreme accolade came from a *Parisien* who followed the games with a zerlously critical eye. What did



Paul Poaniewa, New Caledonia's decathlon champion watches the bar go with him, but later he bounced back to clear 2.20 metres, a height which athletics statistics wizard Tony Isaacs thought might be the 'best ever in a decathlon event'. Sounds a tough one to check but Isaacs said he would work on it when he got home to England. Photo: Anne Livingston

he think after it was all over? 'Zee Games' Not bad, eh?' he conceded. That, in the context of an ex-British colony's efforts under French scrutiny, was not faint praise.

We mustn't overdo the congratulations. There was the odd negative in overall performance - to which organisers would freely admit. Perhaps most obvious was the impetus (or lack of it) of track and field events in the magnificently upgraded National Stadium at Buckhurst Park. Without going into the hows of it, serious thought should be given over the next four years about concertina-ing stadium events to keep spectators involved. It might even mean integrating rugby and soccer with track events. The benefits would be twofold - happier, occupied spectators; possibly a shorter, dynamic, cheaper more games.

The desirability of a tighter schedule came up time and again with competitors and officials. Obviously it needs a great deal of thought. And there are major problems to consider — like how often a boxer can front up to have his brain jolted around in a time span shorter than the Suva games' duration. Stan Brown, who also is retiring president of the Fiji Amateur Boxing Association, has a few ideas on

that one (see Boxing, page 17).

Accommodation standards was another area in which it would have been pleasing to have seen an improvement. But, honestly, what could have been done? Find 2500 spare beds? They didn't exist in Fiji before the games. They don't exist now. And they would have cost a mint to make.

The only egalitarian option facing the organising committee was to provide a floor space for one and all. After all, this was the Pacific — a place where money does not flow exactly freely — not Montreal, where the long-term comfort of private householders was a prime consideration in the building of the Olympic Village in 1976.

Food? Two-thousand-fivehundred food boxes, three times a day, for a minimum of 12 days, adds up to a mountain of victuals and a fortune in cost. Each meal was prepared on scientific advice to meet the extra needs of the human body called upon to perform way above normal requirements. When complaints began to roll in about the diet, the fruit content was increased. Compared to some Island diets, those boxes must have resembled a feast. But one would still sympathise with the Tahitian who put it this way:

'We don't mind sleeping on the floor. It's our way, like many Islanders. But food? We eat more when we aren't in training than we are getting here - and here we are expected to give our everything.' But, not to worry about the French Polynesians. Word has it that almost every available hire car in Suva was snapped up by these affluent colony dwellers. And when the official diet proved unacceptable they all delved into their franc-laden pockets and arranged a pick-up and delivery service with a Suva Chinese restaurant - relying mainly on snap-cooked vegetables to provide them with the sustenance they felt they were lacking.

Perhaps the most niggling games issue — but one which aggravated only a few teams and individuals — was the question of eligibility. It was perhaps a measure of the



bloody-minded officiousness which tends to characterise sports officials (especially of amateur bodies) worldwide, that an Islander could actually be prevented from competing in his own games.

Outstanding Tongan athlete Senitisi Latu, who had spent most of the previous year living in Melbourne, Australia, was barred on residential grounds from performing by the sheer cussedness of 16 of the 30 who voted at a Suva meeting of the games council. They fell back on rule 19 of the council's charter which, over the years, as a consequence of amendments, has become pure gobbledygook. I have read it. I have not understood it. I don't think it can be understood because I don't think it actually means anything intelligible. Before 1983 it must be wiped from the charter entirely and replaced by a ruling which:

• allows Island-born people, if they still hold any kind of Island nation or territory citizenship even if they are not resident in the Pacific, to compete in the games if selected for their national team; and

• allows expatriate residents of

the Islands (that is people not born in the Islands) to compete as long as they satisfy a stated residential time requirement.

It should be as simple as that. And, for that matter, the Miriama Chambaults of the Pacific should be allowed to compete for the team of their nationality, if they wish, not the team of the nation in which, by force of circumstances, they find themselves living.

There really isn't much more to complain about. But from a journalist's viewpoint, most frustrating was the problem with competitors' names. I would have been able to tell you much more about what went on at the games if I had been able to spend less time identifying not just correct spelling of names, but which was a given name and which was a surname, Once again there was a lack of consistency. This matter needs serious consideration in organising committee deliberations before 1983. Athletics and swimming results returns to the media centre were not bad at all. But from most other sports there was a general disregard of the fact that in many Island

French Polynesian players unimpressed by modation at a primary sch Suva's Samabula suburb. † Fiji Times

nations, in terms of R fication, the given nan more important than the ily name, particularly Melanesia. An initial given name is not enough.

Robin Yarrow and vi English athletics statis: Tony Isaacs, I am sure, w agree. Not only is it important. Island athletes imputher performances; it is portant to know, accur, who they are.

As for costs, before games were under wafrightening figure of \$155 was being bandied about. outstanding games Things looked grim with a spectator numbers, incluthose at the opening ceremdisappointing. But then events moved to a climax crowds began to roll in. Oday after the games & Stan Brown was able to . that while there would i profit it looked as if a 'beven' point had been react

It's not cheap running ga of any magnitude. Wes Samoa's organisers would well to bear this in mind utilise every day of the years or so which they hav fore their big day.

WHERE THE MEDALS WENT

New Caledonia	G	S	В	Total
	33	43	26	102
French Polynesia	31	19	29	79
Fiji	22	16	24	62
Papua New Guinea	16	19	21	56
Guam	11	7	9	27
Western Samoa	10	11	6	27
American Samoa	4	1	7	12
Cook Islands	1	2	3	6
Tonga	1	5	3	9
New Hebrides	-	4	4	8
Norfolk Island		1	3	4
Wallis and Futuna		1	2	3
Solomon Islands	_		5	5
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Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Tokelau and Tuvalu did not gain a medal.

ATHLETICS

Fiji's magnificent National Stadium, develfrom the modest arena which the South Pac Games' first athletics evwere staged in 1963, was githe respect it deserved. Gai records fell all over the but it would have been



Five-gold-Alain Lazare — from 1500 mores to marathon — congratulates New Caledonia team mate Christele Burthelemy after her shock but brilliantly-deserved 1500 metre victory over Fiji favourite Ructla Radinibega. Photo Ann Livingston

satisfying if there had been a greater spread of gold. However, the French domination of track and field, in the long run. and do nothing but good for Island competition. Even in this games, the challenge from the super-fit, luxuriously-trained athletes of the French territories spurred competitors from elsewhere to give their everything to prove that, like black, poor but independent is beautiful.

When time for reminiscing comes along, which will be the names that will come to mind among those who gave their all at the 25 000 capacity stadium in September 1979?

• You really couldn't go past Alain Lazare – not just the Marathon Man who romped home in record time, seven minutes ahead of his nearest



They called her the 'flying housegirl' ... New Caledonia's multi-medallist, Brigitte Hardel. Photo: Anne Livingston

rival, but the man from New Caledonia who cleaned up four other gold medals from 1500 to 10 000 metres including the 3000 metres steeplechase and a silver in the 800 metres. A remarkable performance in any class.

- Or his team mate Brigitte Hardel who seemed to be in everything golds for the 100, 200 and 400 metres and silvers in the 100 metre hurdles, long jump and the 4 x 400 metres relay.
- And then there was Jean-Claude Duhaze of French Polynesia who triple-golded with the shot put, discus and hammer.
- And New Caledonia's Yannick Talon for his long and triple jump firsts: and Paul Poaniewa who jumped high enough for the gold and did everything right for the pentathlon number one placing; and Miriama Chambault, the Fijian who hated winning her two golds 100 metres and long jump for the territory in which she now lives. New Caledonia: and Marie-Christine Sealeu of New Caledonia



Guam's Betty Boppart met enough red tape to make her gnash her teeth...
particularly when officials wouldn't let her compete in the men's marathon
event. But they did relent to the extent of letting her start, in the dark, 80
minutes before the men on the last day of the games. And 26 miles 380
yards (for some reason the marathon remains imperial) and two hours 58
minutes 43 seconds later, fresh as a daisy, Betty had comfortably got inside
the qualifying time for next year's big Boston marathon event in the United
States. Photo: Anne Livingston

shot put and discus; and the indomitable, irrepressible Danniele Guyonnet of French Polynesia who romped home in the decathlon and soared up and away from everyone in the high jump.

These are just a few of the names we will remember from track and field 1979. Then there's Guam's Betty Boppart who set a games record in the 3000 metres but got the headlines for her pre-5am run over the marathon course which she completed inside the time to qualify for the Boston marathon in the US next April, They wouldn't let her run against the men. Veteran 1971 400-metres winner Samuela Yavala of Fiji donned his Papeete golden running shoes and raced to the 100 metres gold this time. If



Papua New Guinea's Paiwa Bogela home free in the 400 metres hurdles... then he sprinted for a second gold over the same distance without the jumps. Photo: Anne Livingston



Tonga's Sanitesi Latu... ruled out by a law which many say argues against itself if, in fact, it makes any sense at all. Rule 19 on eligibility needs wiping completely and replacing with something simpler, specific and sympathetic. For Sanitesi and speciators, officialdom's decision was a disaster. Photo: Anne Living-50 11

be'd spent less time looking over his shoulder at New Caledonia's Joseph Wejieme he probably would have won in faster time than his 10.86 seconds.

Papua New Guinea's Paiwa Bogela nearly didn't make the gross team — and then become the only athlete from the South Pacific's biggest nation to arrike gold (twice) in track or field, taking out the 400 metres and hurdles over the same distance.

From a team viewpoint, athletics statistics make depressing reading for non-French competitors. Of the 22 men's individual and team events, 15 g ids went to French-territories competitors, 10 to New

Caledonia alone, the balance to French Polynesia. In the 15 women's events, nine golds went to New Caledonia and two to French Polynesia, Of all others only Fiji (3) and Guam enjoyed gold success in the women's events.

It doesn't matter which way you look at it, there seems to be little chance that French domination of track and field will continue for some years to come, even if multiple medallists like Lazare. Hardel and Duhaze call it a day.

Where does the difference lie? Probably not in dedication to training in the immediate run-up to the games. More likely a wide conbination of factors: diet (how those French Polynesians complained about the scientifically-selected food boxes handed out to all competitors); much longer prepquality training aration: facilities; coaching techniques; and the almost fanatic Paris desire to convince Pacific neighbours that French is best.

Games successes can be bragged about just like the French territories' living standards statistics which we hear so much about. More power to France. France's stars can do nothing but good for sport in the Pacific. As pacemakers to improved performance, French colony performers are maintaining an impetus in Pacific athletics which could so easily be lost without them.

SQUASH

It might have been a tighter competition if two of Fiji's top squash stars had been eligible to compete but residential qualifications prevented them. The result? A procession by PNG players to both team and individual golds with Phil Gertzel coming out on top of the pile. PNG's Peter Ealding, early favourite for the individual gold, was never at his best and ended up present-

Daniele Guyonnet of Tahiti didn't let this pentathlon slip worry her. She went on to repeat her 1975 gold medal performance. Photo: Anne Livingston

GAMES GUIDE

An invaluable little book was available in Suva during the August-September South Pacific Games. It was produced by Robin Yarrow of Fiji in association with UK athletics facts and figures man Tony Isaacs as a 'complete record of' South Pacific Games 1963-1975'. It was a job very well done,

With advertising helping to pay for it, Messrs Yarrow and Isaacs were hoping that, at \$F1.50 a copy, it would sell briskly, proceeds going to the games fund. Unhappily, games followers seemed more interested in the present than the past and by the final two days of the games only about 1500 had been sold. It went on 'special' for the last day but many copies remain unsold.

ing only token opposition in the bronze play-off to Fiji's Winston Thomson.

Squash is not a cheap game and facilities Pacific-wide apart from PNG where strong Australian influence helped establish the game as a major sport for all races in several centres - do not suggest much of a change in the present state of play. This was the first time squash has been a games sport. Players from PNG, Fiji, New Caledonia, French Polynesia, Guam, Norfolk Island and Western Samoa took part.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Western Samoa continued their domination taking six of 10 golds, with one each going to French Polynesia. PNG, New Caledonia and Fiji, Performances in the lighter weights showed some improveIt's a book well worth having not just for the statistically-minded but for anyone with a genuine interest in, and the wellbeing of, Island sports.

It's neatly presented, very easy to refer to, and literally stuffed with much more than just games historical data.

Sport is lucky to have a couple of enthusiasts like Yarrow and Isaacs around. It would be a shame if these two — who put in so many hours and coped so manfully with the 19 000 km which separated them during compilation — lost heart.

Among other outlets the handbook is available from Desai, Suva, and, soon, it will be obtainable from PIM's Sydney bookshop.

ment on the 1975 Guam figures but in the heavier divisions lifts were down.

JUDO

Only in the under 86 kg, over 95 kg and Open events was the French grip on Judo golds broken. Between them, New Caledonia and French Polynesia took out six of the nine events (eight individual and one team), the Polynesian



The action and agony of Fiji's Miriama Chambault, performing on beha of New Caledonia, her new home since the 1975 games. The damage was permanent. Miriama went on to add the 100 metres, in record time, to h record-breaking long jump. Photos: Anne Livingston





playing second fiddle to New Caledonia which landed five gold, seven silver and three bronze.

French Polynesia's tally was one gold, one silver and eight bronze. Guam's Ricardo Blas in the over 95 kg and Open and Fiji's Viliame Takayawa in the under 86 kg events broke the monotony.



Water babies Justine Macaskill of Fiji and Trudy Chang of Papua New Guinea . . . two golds apiece. Photo: Fit, Times

SWIMMING

Better than ever before was the verdict of technical head John Gledding. What else could he say? In every event the games record was broken. More important, said Gledding, was that when news got out about what was going on down at 5 va's Olympic pool, swimming became a spectator sport too.

Men's team honours went French Polynesia's way with seven out of 11 golds. Henri Noble, three individual golds, got the nod as the best men's performer, but Guam's Hollis Kimbrough, also three golds, can look back with immense pleasure on the day he slashed eight whole seconds off the 400 metres freestyle record.

In the women's (?) events it was a much different story. Without a superb all-round performance by New Caledonia's Patricia Legras (three firsts) the French wouldn't have had a look-in on the individual gold market. But the question mark is provoked by water-babies Judy Macaskill of Fiji and Trudy Chang of PNG. Both 12, they took out two golds a piece. With Henri Noble, an 'old man' of 18, the swimming might as well be relabelled 'boys' and 'girls' with the 'men' and 'women' competing at their peril.

VOLLEYBALL

With a blend of strict discipline, power play and individual brilliance, American Samoa methodically wrested control of men's volleyball, a sport which has been dominated in every games since 1963 by French teams. In 1963 and 1966 French Polynesia were volleyball kings; in 1969, 1971 and 1975 honours went to New Caledonia.

Only in their first game, coincidentally against the team they were to thrash in the final, New Caledonia, did the Samoans drop a set. After that it was 3-0 right through to the gold medal. But the fighting spirit - which, as usual, marked French territories' performances in all sports - was there to the end in the men's final, Trailing 15-6, 15-4, New Caledonia fought every inch of the way to a 15-11 third set defeat. French Polynesia had little trouble disposing of Guam 3-0 for the bronze,

In women's volleyball, French Polynesia returned to the throne, having been edged out in the 1975 games by New Caledonia after taking the gold in 1966, 1969 and 1971. (Women's volleyball was not played in the 1963 games.) New Caledonia were victims — 3-1.

In an unbeaten run, French Polynesia's women dropped only two sets.

American Samoa met much sterner opposition from Fiji in the play-off for the bronze before getting up 3-2.

Visiting volleyball official from New Zealand, Joseph Ang, described the men's standard as 'quite pleasing' and, in comparison with the women's showings, of a higher standard. He felt that the pool system often criticised for forcing a likely silver winner into a bronze situation - had not worked against the teams on this occasion in either men's or women's competition. Samoa, American New Caledonia and French Polynesia stood out clearly from the rest in the men's competition, he said, while in the women's competition New Caledonia and French Polynesia were clearly the tops

with American Samoa some distance back in third place.

Ang paid special tribute, in the women's competition, to Guam's 'small girls who played so well' and Tuvalu's girls for their courage in facing up to teams of much higher standards. He gave full marks for organisation.

HOCKEY

When Fiji romped home 4-1 against Papua New Guinea in the play-off for semi-final places it seemed the final would be a formality. The only question unanswered was who would miss out on a medal in this four-cornered contest—Western Samoa or Solomon Islands—such was the chasm between the standards of the top and bottom two.

As it turned out, Western Samoa proved too good against Solomons for the bronze and Fiji horrified their supporters before scrambling to a 2-1 golden victory over PNG after trailing 1-0 at half time.

It's up to hockey to establish itself Pacific-wide or miss out on future Island and South Pacific Games. Pacific hockey associations would be better to look to staging their own periodic competitions. It seems they intend to.

NETBALL

Netball is to women's basketball what rugby union is to rugby league. Statements like that are likely to invite a punch in the face but it is a fact that league and women's basketball have benefited enormously over the years by recruiting from union and netball respectively. In the Islands, union is barely affected by league apart from those players who have been enticed away by Britain and Australia - but netball will always see a drain to women's basketball. But the stars keep coming and Fiji, after behind-the-scenes drama, looked to schoolgirl Lusiana Delana for the big effort in overcoming Cook Islands in the match which decided the gold.

The decider was much more clear-cut than the thriller between the two teams almost a week earlier which led to a Cooks protest. At full time in that match Fiji were leading

41-39 but Cooks claimed that the end had come 90 seconds early – and won their point with competition officials. They needn't have bothered. The re-match saw Fiji rub in their superiority with a comfortable 45-35 margin to

take the gold, Papua New

Guinea took the bronze.

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A visiting umpire said she had seen some 'very good net-ball but it doesn't last'. Fiji and Cooks were clearly the best teams followed some way behind by PNG — but there were 'no others'.

This was the first competition since 1966 in Noumea when Cooks topped the competition. In 1969 in Port Moresby PNG fielded a side and, there being no competition, was awarded the gold.



This time the good little 'uns beat the good big 'uns... Fiji's Mea Waqairawai tries to put the lid on PNG star Martha Tahija but it was PNG who struck gold. Photo: Fiji Times

BASKETBALL

Pacific Island basketball is grouped along with New Zealand and Australia in the Oceania zone for Olympic competition but, according to visiting technical officials, it will be some years before any Island national team can expect to give either Australasian side a run for its money in the competition for an Olympic place. But Australasia is doing its bit to push standards across the Pacific. As well as getting coaches into the region it is also working on ways to get foreign teams particularly from the United States - which undertake tours in Australia and New Zealand to drop in for games with top Island basketballers.

A technical official from

SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES

New Zealand, Pat Neville, who assisted in coaching the Solomon Islands women's team, gave this assessment of the state of basketball play in the Pacific: a top-rank of five (Guam, Tahiti. American Samoa, PNG and, with reservations, Fiji), with Caledonia having 'dropped back a bit' in relation to the top teams, and then a long gap to Solomon Islands, Nauru, Northern Marianas and Western Samoa.

There could be no complaints by either men or women in the final distribution of medals. Guam confirmed their ranking as top Island group but were kept on their toes by a talented French Polynesian combination before taking out the final 113-106 while American Samoa edged out Papua New Guinea for the bronze.

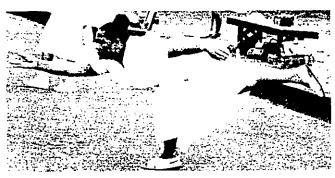
The women, as usual, played a purer if less dynamic basket-ball than the men. There was no doubting the rights of PNG and Fiji to battle out the final. However this proved something of a disappointment after a stirring earlier encounter between these teams which went into extra time before PNG made a winning break.

The final saw the shorter PNG players cleverly outwit the comparative Amazons of Fiji. When Tina Hazelman was conned into fouling herself off five minutes from time Fiji might as well have thrown in the towel. Piling on the pressure and penalty points, PNG were well clear at the end, 78-65.

But watch out for Fiji's girls in 1983. There's a wealth of teenage talent in the side, with Hazelman, if she can resist the urge to mix it with the opposition, and Julie Apted, the pick of the bunch. PNG's was a fine team effort with Cecilia Mondumi, Kaia Kapa and Martha Tahija the spearheads.

LAWN BOWLS

The 'British' game, played for the first time, attracted five starters — Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Western Samoa, Cook Islands and Norfolk Island but there are hopes that Solomon Islands will become



It's bowls — not ballet. But style like this, by Laufili Faraimo of Western Samoa who played in the winning triples combination, makes a mockery of those who say bowls is for the oldies. Photo: Fiji MinFor

interested. There's even talk of a French connection in the nottoo-distant future.

This year honours were well spread, all competitors taking home at least three medals, Fiji with four golds in their tally of six and PNG with two golds in a total of seven. Men's singles top honours went to PNG's Tom Menton, but general acclaim judged Fijji's Maraia Lum On as the overall star with an impressive singles victory and a pairs gold shared with Willow Fong.

CRICKET

Tonga probably are still wondering how they came to topple mighty Papua New Guinea in a game which had an amazing 10 LBW decisions. Set only 91 to win PNG crumbled before Vakavelo Kolotau's medium pacers to a 17-run defeat.

And Tonga are still wondering how they came to be demolished in the semi-final by New Hebrides after an unbeaten run. But that's limited-over cricket. One wonders if it is necessary for cricket to be on the South Pacific Games agenda. It is a spectacle in itself and would attract much bigger crowds if staged outside of the games.

Fortunately for PNG the Tonga match was the first of the competition and it had time to rally itself to a semi-final placing against Fiji, the only serious opposition. In the semi PNG's players had to hold their breath as Fiji battled gamely to within 20 runs of the target 198.

The final, against New Hebrides, was a formality with PNG overhauling the underdogs' total of 53 with the loss of only one wicket.

The play-off for the bronze found Fiji struggling again, this time against Tonga who had hit up a formidable 183 for the loss of six wickets. At one stage Fiji were seven down for 160 but tail-enders saved the day, the host side earning the bronze with eight wickets down.

Western Samoa, Tuvalu and New Caledonia have a long way to go before they will be able to dent the medallists' armour. Perhaps, by 1983, if cricket sneaks onto the Apia games list — which it shouldn't — New Caledonia's cricketing girls will have taught their men a googly or two.

Fiji's women took most of the honours in table tennis but not top gold... singles winner Luana Trafton of French Polynesia gives the ball a bit of stick in an early round. Photo: Fiji Times

TABLE TENNIS

French domination in the men's events continued with New Caledonia playing second fiddle to French Polynesia, everyone else being also-rans. However, Fiji's all-round depth in the women's matches enabled them to retain superiority in the teams event, an honour it has enjoyed since 1971. There was also gold for veteran Fiji campaigners Akisi Renner (a competitor since 1963) and Laisa Naivalulevu in

the women's doubles, an e they won at Guam in 197

Tahiti's Victor Lau wa everything. systematidisposing of New Caledo Roger Lao Yan in the sin and teaming with Felix L Kui in the doubles women's singles cham Luana Trafton in the m doubles to take out t golds.

TENNIS

A double turn-up highlig the French-dominated to competitions at Suva's t nificent five new all-wea Park Victoria hardeo When New Caledonia's singles gold medallist Gč Winter went down to Fr Polynesia's Philippe Rauzy three-hour thriller in the of the teams event, their sin re-encounter was awaited intense interest. And, for ment, it seemed Winter w regain his crown when romped to a 6-2 first set But Rauzy then cleaned his in the next two sets. Teni still markedly a French serve but its capital has m from Noumea to Papeete

Of the tennis golds only did not go back to Pape, the men's doubles title " predictably, went to Non-

YACHTING

Yachting golds in the pregames always went to the country — PNG in French Polynesia in Guam in 1975. But this hosts Fiji were not in the 'World class' was one exenced sailor's description performance of F: Polynesia's crewmen in seven Hobic Cat 16 races

Gold winners, Polynesia I (J. and N. Salr won four of the seven race placed second in the three, Silver winners, Fi Polynesia III (D. Arnoule G. Sachet) won two ! placed second twice, third and fifth twice. New Calc. I (A. Mazoyer and N. took the bronze for co ency, placing second t third three times and f twice. Papua New Gr overall fourth, came on s toward the end of the ra winning Race 7 and pl third in Race 1, which

re-run as the final event after being abandoned earlier because no crew completed the course within the allowed elapsed time.

SOCCER

French criticism of the pool draws for soccer before the games started seemed, by the time the semi-finals were reached, to have some justification. In a first semi-final thriller French Polynesia and New Caledonia matched each other move for move. The Tabitians, rather fortunately, won 3-2 and it looked as it New Caledonia had been unjustly relegated to bronze status. The performances of Fiji and Solomon Islands in the second semi-final did nothing to change this thinking. In an exciting but scrappy game Fiji got up 2-0 in extra time. Goals count but one got the feeling Solemon Islands would have provided better final opposition for French Polynesia.

As it turned out, New Caledonia did nothing in their play-off with Solomons to suggest their superb performance against French Polynesia was anything more than a flash in the pan. Apart from a precise execution of the offside trap—which for some reason the Solomons' forwards never countered — New Caledonia forfeited all claims to any kind of medal, submitting meekly to a 3-1 pounding.

In the final which followed. before a crowd estimated at around 20 000, there was little doubt as to which team was superfor, even though Fiji held the i shitians to a draw until 10 minutes into the second half. It was a case of French discipline and method against a hopeful. physical, driving team of Fiji individuals. That 55-minute goal which set French Polynesia on the path to deseried victory was the first Fiji had conceded in the whole torresment, an indication of hose much was owed to a dour, brickwall defence for the host country's place in the final.

GOLF

For a while it looked like a clean Papua New Guinea sweep of the team events but a bright start by PNG's women was not maintained and

individual gold medallist Kim Young spearheaded American Samoa's gold-winning team effort. PNG's men never looked back and were still going away from the field in the final round.

In the men's individual event it was a case of the master outmastered when teenager Kundi Umba tied with the man he used to caddy for, Phil Frame, and then went on to beat him at the fourth hole in a play-off.

BOXING

The finals line-up had Western Samoans jumping — eight in with a golden chance. But, in the words of boxing director Hector Hatch, the 'Western Samoans fought their hearts out in the semis while the others reserved themselves'. Of those eight Western Samoans only three struck out successfully for gold.

Stan Brown, chairman of the games organising committee and retiring president of the Fiji Amateur Boxing Association, summed it up this way: 'Like all finals, the boxers performed less well in the finals... At the end of 10 days of competition they are tired, they hurt, they're bruised. You always get inferior boxing in the finals...'

Boxing at this games, according to Hatch, was much more rugged, a little less scientific. Observing that even in the Olympics it is the aggressive boxer who usually comes out on top, Hatch said he thought some coaches, with little time to bring their men along, had concentrated on making the most of their natural abilities as fighters.

Hatch's pick of the bunch were Western Samoa's Tanalai Folasi (welterweight) for his combination of technical skill and aggression, and Fiji's Joe Nitiva (light welterweight) who 'picked his punches beautifully and is a devastating hitter'. Nitiva needed only one punch in each of his first two fights, and then bided his time in the final against Western Samoa's Tuasiui Poto, not wasting a blow.

Hatch reckons the best boxer of the whole bunch, Anthony Naidu of Fiji, did himself out of the gold against American Samoa's Douglas Westbrook by forgetting his skills and fighting too aggressive a bout.

While a track man might thrive on daily competition, a boxer needs time to recuperate and this factor vindicates a growing feeling that the games are too long, both from financial and spectator interest viewpoints. Stan Brown believes the way around this would be for the number of boxers allowed to compete in, say, an eight-day games, to be limited, resulting in fewer bouts in the run to the final.

The final gold count in the boxing showed a fairly even distribution of medals over the 11 divisions – Western Samoa three. Fiji, PNG and New Caledonia two each and American Samoa and French Polynesia one each.

The writing was on Fiji's Josefa Nivita — and on the wall for Tuasiui Poto of Western Samoa — in the final of the light-welterweight event. Photo: Fiji Times





Tonga's Fakahau Valu presses how the leather to seal his country's on gold. Photo Fiji Times

RUGBY

Fiji's players will want to fors the 1979 final. But it will much harder for them than t 20 000-plus crowd who polite sat through a thoroughly fe gettable game. Bravely, no day, the Fiji press talked how much possession I enjoyed, particularly in the s ond half, and how it shot have won handsomely if st istics were a guide. No c mentioned that it was a turg messy final, completely out character with the brand football the world has come expect from Fiji and Ton The result was right - 6-3 Tonga (converted try again: penalty goal, both in the s ond half). The only redeem feature? Tonga's dedicated fensive work, made easier Fiji's ineffective penetra-

Much more interesting New Caledonia's performa in the play-off for the brot Word was before the comp-New Caledonians had co only to learn the game, S dealy they were in the se and, after a thrashing fi Tonga, it was a game v Western Samoa for third. full time they found themse 9-8 in front of a Samoan which had, three days ear missed out on a final p when Fiji scored a try after mal time had clapsed but ball had been kept alive. Caledonia's bronze she prove a great boost for game back in Noumea.



PNG's Nettie Elisha (15) in practice

THE MEDAL WINNERS

ATHLETICS
Papua New Guinea(PNG)
Norfolk Island(Nor)
New Hebrides(NH)
New Caledonia(NC)
Guam(G)
French Polynesia(FP)
Fiji(Fij)
Cook Islands(C)
American Samoa (AS)

Solomon Islands..... Wallis and Futuna(WF Western Samoa......(WS) Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Northern Marianas, Tokelau and Tuvalu competed but did not gain GR - Games record.

100 metres 1. Samuela Yavala (Fiji) 10.86 sec

Joseph Wejleme (NC) 10.86

Joe Leota (WS) 11.02 Record: J. Pothin (NC) 10.6 sec Suva 1963.

200 metres

MEN

Joseph Wejieme (NC) 22.12 sec Patrice Manuel (FP) 22.47

Inoke Bainimoli (Fij) and and Joe Leota (WS) 22.52 Record: J. Bourne (FP) 21.6 sec semí-linal Tahiti 1971.

400 metres

Paiwa Bogela (PNG) 48.73 sec

Herve Lestrade (FP) 49.33 Taniela Racule (Fij) 49.73 Record: S. Yavala (Fij) 47.8 sec Tahiti 1971.

800 metres

Ilimo Daku (Fij) 1 min 54.12

Alain Lazare (NC) 1:55.62 Charlie Oliver (S) 1:56.00
 Record: P. John (PNG) 1:54.1 Tahiti 1971.

1500 metres

Alain Lazare (NC) 3 min 54.38 sec (GR)

Usaía Sotutu (Fij) 3:59.97 Ian MacKenzie (PNG) 4:01.29

5000 metres

Alain Lazare (NC) 14 min

47.30 sec (GR)
Jean-Michel Boulanger
(NC) 15:26.30
Tau John Tokwepota

(PNG) 15:28.80

10 000 metres

Alain Lazere (NC) 32 min 00.90 sec (GR) Shiri Chand (Fij) 32.21.8

Denis Alcade (NC) 32:30.10

Marathon

Alain Lazare (NC) 2 hr 30 min 57 sec (GR)

Batum Makon (PNG)

2:37:48 Tau John Tokwepota (PNG) 2:40:42

3000 metres

steeplechase Alain Lazare (NC) 9 min 22.3 sec (GR)

Usaia Solulu (Fij) 9:28.1 Ian MacKenzie (PNG)

9:36.9

110 metres hurdles Sakaraia Tuva (Fij) 15.26

Samuela Konataci (NH)

15.28 Lucien Brillant (FP) 15.41 Record: P. Tuipolutu (Ton) 14.6 Tahiti 1971.

400 metres hurdles

 Paiwa Bogela (PNG) 53.19 sec

Joe Roden (Fij) 54.18 3. Saimoni Jioji (Fij) 55.12 Record: P. Tuipolulu (Ton) Tahiti 1971.

High Jump

Paul Poaniewa (NC) 2.21 metres (GR)

Clement Poaniewa (NC) 2.11

Pierre Leontietf (FP) 1.94

Pole vault

Stanley Drollet (FP) 4.20 metres

Alipeti Latu (Ton) 3.70 Niulolo Prescott (Ton) 3.70 Record: S. Drollet (FP) 4.40

Tahiti 1971. Long Jump

Yannick Talon (NC) 7.02 metres Armand Welepa (NC) 7.00

3. Paul Pirigau (\$) 6.98 Record: A. Moore (Fij) 7.66 Guam 1975

Triple Jump

Yannick Talon (NC) 15.39metres

2. Peiwa Waea (PNG) 14.70 3. Nowell Mamau (S) 14.70 Record: Y. Talon (NC) 15.42 Guam 1975

Shotput

Jean-Claude Duhaze (FP)

17.08 metres Henry Smith (WS) 15.94 Martial Bone (NC) 14.50 Record: A. Beer (NC) 18.07 Guam 1975.

Discus

Jean-Claude Duhaze (FP) 50.30 metres (GR) Martial Bone (NC) 48.16

Henry Smith (WS) 48.14

Hammer

Jean-Claude Duhaze (FP)

53.70 metres (GR) Frederic Cassier (NC)

Martial Bone (NC) 45.84

Jean-Paul Lakafia (NC) 64.44 metres

Polotine Muliloto (WF)

Sosefo Tini (NC) 62.25 Record: Lolesio Tuita (WF) 73.2 Guam 1975

Decathlon

Paul Poaniewa (NC) 6584 points (GR)

Alipeti Latu (Ton) 6191

Lucien Brillant (FP) 5778

4x100 metres relay Fiji (Penasio Cerecere, Joe Roden, Samuela Yavala. Inoke Bainimoli) 41.86 sec

French Polynesia (Yvon Allain, Errol Ferriol, Herve Lestrade, Patrice Manuel)

Keil, Joe Leota) 42.83 Record: French Polynesia 41.8

Fiji (Taniela Racule, Mosese Waqanabete, Joe

16.94 sec (GR) PNG (Wavala Kali, Tony

Aiam, Janos Suagotsu,

Paiwa Bogela) 3:18.36

Dimanima, Aaron Hitu,

Frank Hana, John

Waokahi) 3:19.35

100 metres

12.37

200 metres

400 metres

800 metres

22.15sec

2:22.74

1500 metres

4:51.39

4:53.54

3000 metres

10:48.1

11:06.00

100 m hurdles

27 Bsec (GR)

Record: M. Liku (Fij)

2:20.85 Guam 1975.

Solomon Islands (Geoffrey

Brigitte Hardel (NC) 12.01

Miriama Chambault (NC)

Naomi Polum (PNG) 12.40

Brigitte Hardel (NC) 24.68 (GR)

Naomi Polum (PNG) 25.07

Miriama Chambault (NC)

Brigitte Hardel (NC) 57.02

Alena Waqasiwa (Fij) 58.51 Liku Galala (Fij) 59.37

Make Liku (Fij) 2min

Janice Jiroru (PNG)

Gisung Ngalau (PNG) 2:22.85

4min 49.04sec (GR)

Janice Jiroru (PNG)

Rusila Radinibega (Fij)

Betty Boppart (G) 10min

Akakoromaki Matepi (C)

Miriama Chambault (NC)

14.8sec (GR) Brigitte Hardel (NC) 14.91

High Jump 1. Daniele Guyonnet (FP)

Loain Pierrez (NH) 1.58

Denise Kacirek (NC) 1.58
 Record: D. Guyonnet (FP) 1.78

Mirlama Chambault (NC)

Brigitte Hardel (NC) 5.60

Laurence Napoleon (NC)

Marie-Christine Sealeu

Daniele Guyonnet (FP)

Marie-Christine Sealeu

Sandra Bordes (PNG)

Vinaina Drauniniu (Fij)

(NC) 45.78 metres (GR)

(NC) 13.08 metres (GR) Nagali Teahiu (FP) 12.03

5.7 metres (GR)

1.75 metres

Guam 1975.

Long Jump

Shot put

11.90

39.46

Discus

Leitaou Essaou (NH) 15.68

Christele Barthelemy (NC)

Christelle Barthelemy (NC)

Logavatu, Ilimo Daku) 3 min

4x400 metres relay

Tahiti 1971.

42.30 Fong, Simaun Simi, Joseph

Western Samoa (William

Javelin

Mereoni Vibose (Fij) 46.94 metres (GR)

Georgette Paouro (NC) 45.48

Moniha Fiafialoto (WF) 43.96

Pentathion

Daniele Guyonnet (FP) 3625 points (GR)

Miriama Chambault (NC)

Jeanne Liliord (NH) 3022

4x100 metres relay

New Caledonia (Odile Mevin, Brigitte Hardel, Kathy Farrugia, Laurence Napoleon) 48.19 sec (GR)

Fiji (Anaseini Uate, Gusuivalu Reapi, Sainiana Tukana, Emmaline Bennion) 49,35 New Hebrides (Leitaou

Essaou, Anna Lemas, Nesbeth Meta, Maya Leeman) 49.43

4x400 metres relay

Fiji (Anaseini Uate, Make Liku, Liku Galala, Alena Waqasiwa) 3 min 57.97 sec

(GR - new event) New Caledonia (Brigitte Hardel, Odile Mevin Grazielle Moutry, Karen Parage) 4:01.67 PNG (Gisung Ngalau, Linda Marere, Naomi Polum,

Janice Jiroru) 4:03.01

SWIMMING

(Games records were set in all events - men and women.)

100 metres backstroke

Henri Noble (FP) 1 min 02.62 sec

David Zimmerman (G) 1:06.25 Gordon Petersen (Fij)

1:08.16 100 metres butterfly

Henri Noble (FP) 1 min 03.20 sec

Daniel Berdichewsky (FP) 1:03,97

3. Eri Anderson (G) 1:04.58 100 metres breaststroke

Ronald Bonnet (FP) 1 min 12.53 sec

Jean Christophe Mouren

(NC) 1:15.34 Geoff Burke (G) 1:16.00

100 metres freestyle
1. Hollis Kimbrough (G) 56.88 sec

Henri Noble (FP) 57.07 Gil Verlaguet (NC) 58.47

200 metres freestyle Hollis Kimbrough (G) 2 min

01.43 sec

Henri Noble (FP) 2:01.45 Gil Verlaguet (NC) 2:04.19

200 metres breaststroke

Ronald Bonnet (FP) 2 min 41.83 sec

Jean-Christophe Mouren (NC) 2:45.69

David Murphy (PNG) 2:45.79

200 metres individual medley

1. Henri Noble (FP) 2 min

19.98 sec David Zimmerman (G)

2:24.82 Jean-Christophe Mouren (NC) 2:25.74

400 metres freestyle Hollis Kimbrough (G) 4 min 20.25 sec

Gil Verlaguet (NC) 4:20.50 Henri Noble (FP) 4:22.70

1500 metres freestyle Gil Verlaguet (NC) 17 min

06.91 sec Hollis Kimbrough (G) 17:45.39

Henri Noble (FP) 17:56.62

4x100m freestyle relay

French Polynesia 3 min

53.88 sec

Guam 3:56.20 New Caledonia 3:58.71

4x100m medley relay

1. French Polynesia 4 min

17.35 sec Guam 4:25.88

Fiji 4:42.08

WOMEN

100 metres backstroke

1. Carolyn Dalby (PNG) 1 nun 11.10 sec

Trudy Chang (PNG) 1:14.33

Dawn Edwards (PNG) 1:14.34

100 metres treestyle

Lydia Lambert (G) 1 min 04.27 sec Patricia Legras (NC)

1:04.46 Heather Hagadron (G) 1.05.39

100 metres butterfly

Trudy Chang (PNG) 1 min 11.16 sec

Carolyn Dalby (PNG) 1:11.88

Elizabeth Ysrael (G) 1:12.71

100 metres breaststroke Justine Macaskill (Fij) 1 min

22.75 sec Mini Éria (FP) 1:24.08 Patricia Legras (NC)

1:24,19 200 metres breaststroke

Justine Macaskill (Fij) 2 min 58.91 sec

Patricia Legras (NC) 2:59.72

Cathy Ysrael (G) 3:00 15 200 metres freestyle Patricia Legras (NC) 2 min

16.19 sec Yolaine Saminadin (NC)

2:18.12 Elizabeth Zenone (FP)

2:20.40 200 metres individual medicy

Trudy Chang (PNG) 2 min 36.78 sec Patricia Legras (NC)

2:39.66

Vaoa Verave (PNG) 2:40.09

4x100m medley relay New Caledonia 5 min 16 90

sec PNG 5:02.65 Guam 5:03.12

400 metres freestyle Patricia Legras (NC) 4 min

41.23 sec

Yolaine Saminadin (NC)

4:41.74

Cathy Zenone (FP) 4:52.04

4x100m medley relay
1. New Caledonia 5 min 02.34

PNG 5:02.65 3. Guam 5:03.12 800 metres freestyle relay

Patricia Legras (NC) 9 min 38.58 sec

Yolaine Saminadin (NC) 9:47.77

Cathy Zenone (FP) 10:04.41 4x100m freestyle

Guam 4 min 20.60 sec PNG 4:23.98

French Polynesia 4:26.49

4x200m freestyle relay
1. Guam 9 min 29.36 sec

French Polynesia 9:31.98 New Caledonia 9:32.76

BOXING

Light-flyweight

Zopha Yarawi (PNG) pts Feomaia Liu (WS)

Roger Tongnira (FP) (Only three competitors.) Flyweight

Jean Wayuo (NC) ots

Moleli Neti (WS) Asesela Wanaisi (Fij) and Bernard Ipautsi (PNG)

Bantamweight

Hubert Apeang (FP) pts Romeo Ape (WS) Pita Cama (Fij) and Jean-Claude Outyout (NC)

Featherweight
1. Douglas Westbrook (AS)

Anthony Naidu (Fij) Moses Ririan (PNG) and Edmond Smith (NC)

Lightweight Pelema Aukuso (WS) pts

Exley Rawor (NH)
James Hasop (PNG) and
Sowane Raicebe (Fij)

Light-weiterweight

Josefa Nitiva (Fij) pts Tuasiui Poto (WS)

Titi Christian (PNG) and Eric Apeang (FP)

Welterweight

Taualai Folasi (WS) pts Taniela Fifita (Ton)

Sefo Laupapa (AS) and Sitiveni Kirisimasi (Fij)

Light-middleweight Samu Uipo (WS) √atese Paupau (AS)

Lorima Niumataiwalu (Fij)

and Michel Manafenuaroa

Middleweight

1. Michael Rau (PNG) pts

2. Ngaiohni Ape (NC)

3. Charles Maitere (Fi) Livai Vakaloloma (Fij)

Light-heavyweight

Kamisese Vaubula (Fij) pts Fini Sani (Ton) Kevin Henderson (NH) and Lem Mareko (AS)

Heavyweight Tomasi Watemoa Rehe

(NC) pts Taumaloto Loi (WS)

Nena Maco (FP) and Alphonse Wakore (PNG)

WEIGHTLIFTING MEN

52 kg

1.

A. Massin (FP) (snatch 70, jerk 87.5) 157.5 kg Niautous (NC) (65, 90) 155 2.

56 kg 1. B Leungwai (WS) (82.5, 110) 192.5

Gutuhau (NC) (75, 100)

60 kg 1. A. Leungwai (WS) (87.5, 107.5) 195 2. Regly Tokana (PNG) (82.5, 107.5) 190

67.5 kg 1. A. Faletutulu (WS) (95. 135) 230

S. Limu (NC) (100, 130) 230 3. M. Eneli (WS) (90, 120) 210

75 kg 1. T. Kimala (PNG) (105, 135) V. Uria (WS) (100, 132.5)

232.5 K. Yakopo (PNG) (90, 125) 215

82.5 kg

Cheung (FP) (105, 150) 245 2. Kuki Alo (WS) (105, 137.5)

242.5 3, Lemo Selenino (NC) (100, 132.5) 232.5

90 kg 1. ເຄ

Wallwork (WS) (122.5,

135) 240

2. M. Mexico (PNG) (105,

Selefen (NC) (100, 125) 225

100 kg Huch Emu (WS) (115, 155)

T. Pimatarioa (FP) (100, 140) 240

110 kg 1. Q. Raddock (Fij) (105, 155)

E. Terurai (FP) (85, 110) 195

Over 110 kg V. Masoe (WS) (117, 142.5)

260 Tahai (FP) (100, 120) 220 K. Sako (WF) (90, 105) 195

JUDO

Under 60 kg

S. Pouillen (NC)
P. Croute (FP)
G. Yau (FP) and C. Pascua (NC)

Under 65 kg

A. Vandange (NC) F. Aichieri (NC) W. Lucas and P. Lucas (FP)

Under 71 kg

D. Reiatua (FP) M. Oper (NC)
P. Lecomte (NC) and J.
Ravatudai (Fij)

Under 78 kg
1. R. Chantreux (NC)
2. E. Armien (NC)
3. J. Kircher (FP) and B. Lopin

Under 86 kg
1. Viliame Takayawa (Fij)
2. P. Briand (NC)
3. M. John (FP) and J.
Wainiqolo (Fij)

Under 95 kg 1. J. Audiffren (NC)

L. Jacquot (NC)

A. Norel (FP)

Over 95 kg R. Blas (G)

D. Briand (NC) P. Briand and O. Vaurasi

(Fij)

R. Blas (G) J. Auditfren (NC)

J. Siguenza (G) and Viliame Takayawa (Fij)

Team

New Caledonia Guam

French Polynesia

GOLF MEN

Team PNG (913) Fiji (927)

American Samoa (947)

Individual

Kundi Umba (PNG) 306 Phil Frame (PNG) 306 Frank Lefiti (AS) 310

(Umba won on fourth hole in play-off)

WOMEN

Team American Samoa (666)
 PNG (682)
 Fiji (687)

Individual Kim Young (AS) 324 Anna Dunn (Fij) 339

Custidio Vai

YACHTING

FPI(J. and N. Salmon) FPIII(D. Arnould and G. Sachet)

NCI (A. Mazoyer and N.

VOLLEYBALL

MEN Semi-finals

American Samoa 3, Guam 0 New Caledonia 3, French

Polynesia 0 Final American Samoa 3, New

Caledonia 0 Third

French Polynesia 3, Guam 0 WOMEN

Semi-finals New Caledonia 3, Fiji 0 French Polynesia 3, American Samoa 1

French Polynesia 3, New Caledonia 1

Third

American Samoa 3, Fiii 2

BASKETBALL MEN Final

Guam 106, French Polynesia 103

Third

American Samoa 103, PNG 101

WOMEN

Final PNG 78, Fiji 65

Third

French Polynesia 80, New Caledonia 47

SOCCER Semi-finals

New Caledonia 2, French Polynesia 3 Fiji 2. Solomon Islands 0 (after

extra time) Final

French Polynesia 3, Fiji 0 Third

Solomon Islands 3, New Caledonia

RUGBY UNION

Semi-finals New Caledonia 3, Tonga 58 Fiji 16. Western Samoa 13

Final Tonga 6, Fiji 3

Third New Caledonia 9, Western Samoa 8

CRICKET

Semi-finals PNG (198 for 9) beat Fiji (178) NH (101) beat Tonga (64)

Final PNG (56 for 1) beat NH (53)

Third

Fiji (186 for 9) beat Tonga (182 for 6)

SQUASH MEN

Team 1. PNG 2. Fiji 3. NC

Individual

Final Phil Gertzel (PNG) beat Harvey Morton (PNG) 9-4, 10-8, 9-6

Third

Winston Thompson (Fij) beat Peter Ealding (PNG) 9-0, 9-3, 9-0 HOCKEY

PNG 6, Solomon Islands 0

Fiji 6, Western Samoa 1 Final Fiji 2, PNG 1

Semi-finals

Third

Western Samoa 3, Solomon Islands 1

NETBALL WOMEN

Gold: Fiji Silver: Cook Islands Bronze: Tonga

TABLE TENNIS Men's singles Final

Victor Lau (FP) beat Roger Lao Yan (NC) 21-12, 21-18, 21-16,

Henri Wo (NC) beat James Lau (FP) 21-13, 21-14, 21-14

Men's doubles

Final Victor Lau and Felix Lieou Kui (FP) beat Roger Lao Yan and Henri Wo (NC) 17-21, 21-16, 21-16, 21-17.

Third

Philippe Uti and James Lau (FP) beat Niget Yee Joy and Stephen Sang (Fij) 21-16, 21-16, 21-17

Mixed doubles Final

Victor Lau and Luana Trafton (FP) beat Henri Wo and Uarlina Wo (NC) 17-21, 21-13, 21-8, 21-14

Third

Roger Lao Yan and Anna Rabenjoro (NC) beat Felix Lieou Kui and Eleen Tetahio (FP) 22-20, 19-21, 21-19, 21-13

Women's singles

Final Luana Tratton (FP) beat Akisi Renner (Fij) 21-11, 21-17, 21-18

Third

Laisa Naivalulevu (Fij) beat Marlina Ali (NC) 22-20, 18-21, 21-13, 18-21, 21-19

Women's doubles Final

Akisi Renner and Laisa Naivalulevu (Fij) beat Luana Trafton and Chantal Koleon (FP) 22-20, 14-21, 21-17, 21-15

Third Marlina Ali and Annick Turi (NC) beat Vui Kila and Gena Kivalahu (PNG) 18-21, 21-9, 21-12, 21-16,

TENNIS

Men's singles Final P. Rauzy (FP) beat G. Winter (FP) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4

Third C. Chonvant (FP) beat C. Benson (Fij) 6-2, 6-2

Men's doubles

Final G. Winter and M. Ledru (NC) beat F. Tuione and P. Tuitupou (Ton) 6-3, 6-2

Third

Rick Johnson and Peter Grindley (PNG) beat L. Grundler and A. Dabuae (N) 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 Women's singles

V. Luta (FP) beat J. Vongy (FP) 6-3, 1-6, 6-2 Third

6-4 6-1

Final

V. Vanna (FP) beat G. Davey (Fij) 6-1,6-3

Women's doubles V. Vanna and J. Vongy (FP) beat R. Cao and P. Fickett (G) Third

A. Onno and L. Godden (PNG) beat G. Davey and R. Fong (Fij) 2-6, 6-3, 6-2

Mixed doubles

Final J. Vongy and Mottet (FP) beat G. Davey and F. Williams (Fij) 6-2, 6-3

Third

R. Cao and J. Cepeda (G) beat E. Winter and W. Warno (NC) 4-6, 6-3, 8-6

Men's team Final

French Polynesia 2, New Caledonia 1

Third Tonga beat PNG

Women's team

Final French Polynesia 3, Western Samoa 0

Third Guam 2, PNG 1

LAWN BOWLS MEN

Singles
1. PNG (Tom Menton) Western Samoa (Feta

Kirisome) Norfolk Island (Keith Turton)

Pairs

Cook Islands (Teanua Kamana, Tupui Henry) Western Samoa (Feta Kirisome, Falevi Petana)

Norfolk Island (Lyle Hutchinson, Keith Turton)

Triples Fiji (Peter Fong, Ram Harakh, Sean Patton)

PNG (Fred Daniels, Esekia

Takaru, Tau Nancie) Norfolk Island (Bill Adams, Norm Lecren, Dan Yager)

Fiji (Peter Fong, Kevin Perry, Ram Harakh, Sean

Norfolk Island (Bill Adams. Lyle Hutchinson, Norm

Lecren, Dan Yager) PNG (Albert Barakeina, Esekia Takarn, Alfred Daniels, Tau Nancie)

WOMEN

Ash)

Pation)

Singles
1. Fiji (Maraia Lum On) PNG (Margaret Mitchell) Cook Islands (Ramona

Pairs Fiji (Maraia Lum On, Willow

Fong) PNG (Piri Kennedy, 2. Margaret Mitchell) Cook Islands (Tungane Pokoati, Ramona Ash)

Western Samoa (Lemafoe

vvestern sampa (Lerrande Porter, Josephine Hunt, Lufili Faralmo) PNG (Maggie Worri, Rose Kambul, Betty Glassey) Fiji (Chandra Singh, Theresa Hughes, Filo

O'Meagher)

Fours PNG (Piri Kennedy, Maggie Worri, Rose Kambul, Betty Glassey)

Cook Islands (Tungane Pokoati, Makiru Hole, Tepaeru Short, Lou Graham)

Fiji (Chandra Singh, Willow Fong, Theresa Hughes, Filo O'Meagher)

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