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Results*

Tahiti

1971 Fourth South Pacific Games, Papeete, Tahiti

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	Gold	Silver	Bronze	TOTAL
New Caledonia	33	32	27	92
PNG	28	28	21	77
French Polynesia	22	24	24	70
Fiji	16	17	13	46
Western Samoa	9	3	5	17
Guam	2	3	8	14
Tonga	4	3	4	11
American Samoa	-	2	12	14
Wallis & Futuna	2	1	6	9
Solomon Islands	-	2	2	4
Cook Islands	-	1	3	4
Gilbert & Ellice	-	-	-	-
Nauru	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	116	116	125	358

ATHLETICS

Men

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
100 Meters	J. Wejieme (NC) 10.7	J. Bourne (FP) 10.7	A. Aunoa (FP) 10.8
200 Meters	J. Bourne (FP) 22.0	S. Yavala (FIJ) 22.1	P. Maraga (PNG) 22.4
400 Meters	S. Yavala (FIJ) 48.2	S. Joji (FIJ) 49.3	G. Koiti (PNG) 50.0
800 Meters	P. Kayo (PNG) 1:54.1	B. Morgan (SI) 1:55.4	S. Bulai (FIJ) 1:55.5
1500 Meters	S. Bulai (FIJ) 4:3.5	R. Vele (PNG) 4:3.8	A. Julien (NC) 4:9.0
5000 Meters	U. Sotutu (FIJ) 15:15.4	A. Loi (PNG) 15:20.4	J. Kokinai (PNG) 15:34.8
10000 Meters	U. Sotutu (FIJ) 32:14.6	A. Loi (PNG) 32:33.8	T. Brandt (PNG) 32:43.4
110 Meters Hurdles	P. Tuipulotu (Ton) 14.6	R. Leka (PNG) 15.1	C. Tetaria (FP) 15.1
400 Meters Hurdles	P. Tuipulotu (Ton) 52.9	M. Blameble (NC) 53.9	M. Purpuruk (PNG) 54.4
3000 Meters Steeplechase	U. Sotutu (FIJ) 9:24.0	J. Kokinai (PNG) 9:31.2	A. Loi (PNG) 9:35.8
4x100 Meters Relay	French Polynesia (41.8)	Fiji (41.8)	Papua New Guinea (42.7)
4x400 Meters Relay	Fiji (3:18.5)	Papua New Guinea (3:19.6)	New Caledonia (3:25.3)
Decathlon	C. Tetaria (FP) 6556pts	R. Leka (PNG) 6426pts	S. Latu (Ton) 6328pts
Hammer	M. Bone (NC) 158ft 8 1/2in	J. Warnock (PNG) 146ft 6in	A. Beer (NC) 144ft 4in
High Jump	P. Teahu (FP) 6ft 9in	P. Poaniewa (NC) 6ft 9in	J. Salmon (FP) 6ft 6in
Javelin	L. Tuita (W&F) 233ft 3in	S. Vairaaroa (FP) 211ft 6 1/2in	T. Nial (NH) 204ft 8 1/2in
Long Jump	K. Raula (PNG) 23ft 4in	L. Angexetine (NC) 22ft 10in	C. Kaddour (NC) 22ft 8in
Pole Vault	Stanley Drollet	Bernard Balastre	Yannick Bonnet
Shot Put	A. Beer (NC) 59ft 3 1/2in	W. Buchanan (Guam) 52ft 4 1/2in	L. Tuita (W&F) 47ft 7 1/2in
Triple Jump	P. Waea (PNG) 49ft 2 1/2in	B. Tora (FIJ) 48ft 6 1/2in	L. Angexetine (NC) 48ft 4in
Marathon	A. Petersen (NC) 2:50.50	T. Brandt (PNG) 2:51.59	G. Vagi (PNG) 2:53.53

Women

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
100 Meters	K. Longi (Ton) 12.9	S. Pipit (PNG) 12.9	D. Guyonnet (FP) 13.0
200 Meters	S. Pipit (PNG) 25.8	M. Tuisorisori (FIJ) 25.8	K. Longi (Ton) 26.0
400 Meters	S. Pipit (PNG) 58.1	L. Make (FIJ) 59.4	G. Nim (PNG) 59.4
800 Meters	S. Pipit (PNG) 2:31.1	L. Likonia (PNG) 2:31.4	E. Tito (SOL) 2:34.3
1500 Meters	L. Make (FIJ) 5:11.3	S. Dobui (FIJ) 5:11.7	L. Likonia (SOL) 5:12.8
100 Meters Hurdles	D. Guyonnet (FP) 15.0	K. Longi (Ton) 15.2	M. Tuisorisori (FIJ) 15.4
4x100 Meters Relay	Fiji (49.4)	New Caledonia (49.6)	Papua New Guinea (50.4)
Discus	M. Wetta (NC) 126ft 8in	D. Sakou-mory (NC) 114ft 21/2in	D. Kaltakae (NH) 110ft 71/2in
High Jump	H. Wahuzue (NC) 5ft 2in	I. Elocie (NC) 5ft 1/4in	D. Guyonnet (NC) 4ft 111/2in
Javelin	S. Simutoga (NC) 138ft 31/2in	M. Wabet (NC) 133ft 11in	K. Namur (PNG) 128ft 5in
Long Jump	I. Elocie (NC) 17ft 101/2in	N. Kennedy (PNG) 17ft 13/4in	M. Tuisorisori (FIJ) 17ft 7in
Pentathlon	M. Tuisorisori (FIJ) 3389pts	M. Taylor (PNG) 3386pts	E. Philips (FIJ) 3383pts
Shot Put	M. Wetta (NC) 41ft 4in	L. Tingdai (PNG) 38ft 11in	A. Fenuafanote (W&F) 38ft 1in

SWIMMING

Men

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
100 Meters Backstroke	C. Martin (PNG) 1.5.9	N. Cluer (PNG) 1.7.3	E. Brillant (FP) 1.9.5
100 Meters Butterfly	C. Martin (PNG) 1.3.5	A. Mouren (NC) 1.5.3	N. Cluer (PNG) 1.6.4
100 Meters Breaststroke	N. Cluer (PNG) 58.7	J. Morault (NC) 59.2	A. Mouren (NC) 59.5
200 Meters Freestyle	C. Martin (PNG) 2.6.5	N. Cluer (PNG) 2.8	M. Mowen (PNG) 2.9.7
200 Meters Breaststroke	N. Cluer (PNG) 2.41.5	F. Meuel (FP) 2.52.4	F. Hunter (FP) 2.55.3
200 Meters Individual Medley	N. Cluer (PNG) 2.22.4	C. Martin (PNG) 2.27.3	A. Mouren (NC) 2.30.6
400 Meters Freestyle	M. Mouwen (PNG) 4.31.2	C. Martin (PNG) 4.38.6	A. Mouren (NC) 4.41.3
400 Meters Medley Relay	Papua New Guinea (4.29.7)	French Polynesia (4.37.4)	New Caledonia (4.40.9)
4x100 Meters Freestyle Relay	Papua New Guinea (3.54.9)	New Caledonia (4.0.6)	French Polynesia (4.5.3)
1500 Meters Freestyle	C. Martin (PNG) 18.12.9	M. Mowen (PNG) 18.44.2	A. Mouren (NC) 18.51.6

Women

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
100 Meters Backstroke	M. Kersaudy (NC) 1.15.1	M. Cadet (NC) 1.17.1	M. Hanner (NC) 1.83.3
100 Meters Butterfly	M. Kersaudy (NC) 1.13.3	M. Hanner (NC)	M. Cadet (NC) 1.15.7
200 Meters Freestyle	M. Kersaudy (NC) 2.19.4	M. Anewy (NC) 2.21.8	M. Hanner (NC) 2.23.0
200 Meters Breaststroke	J. Murphy (FIJ) 3.8.1	C. Hemonot (NC) 3.11.2	C. Ferrari (NC) 3.11.8
200 Meters Individual Medley	M. Kersaudy (NC) 2.43.8	M. Cadet (NC) 2.48	M. Anewy (NC) 2.48.3
400 Meters Freestyle	M. Anewy (NC) 4.53.1	G. Jausselon (NC) 5.3.9	C. Legras (NC) 5.8
4x100 Meters Medley Relay	New Caledonia (5.13.5)	Papua New Guinea (5.18.7)	Guam (5.26.9)
4x100 Meters Freestyle Relay	New Caledonia (4.27.1)	French Polynesia (4.36.8)	Papua New Guinea (4.40.7)
800 Meters Freestyle	M. Anewy (NC) 10.10.1	G. Jausselon (NC) 10.28.6	F. Mooney (PNG) 10.32.1

BOXING

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Light-Flyweight	P. Koso (PNG)	E. Nanai (WS)	
Flyweight	T. Tumanavao (WS)	S. Chandra (FIJ)	A. Massin (FP)
Bantamweight	S. Pea (WS)	L. Fat (FP)	T. Pouao (CI)
Featherweight	D. Seeto (PNG)	M. Cheung (PNG)	S. Gutuhau (NC)
Lightweight	J. Toi (FP)	N. Mahe (NC)	E. Ofe (AS) O. Pea (WS)
Light-Welterweight	G. Peters (WS)	A. Onosai (AS)	L. Wenice (NC) S. Namoa (Ton)
Welterweight	B. Kodeng (PNG)	A. Potanine (Ton)	J. Tanotaha (FP) S. Waqa (FIJ)
Light-Middleweight	M. Peti (Ton)	M. Richmond (FP)	V. Agavale (WS) L. Alefosio (AS)
Middleweight	C. Blake (FIJ)	I. Longani (Ton)	S. Asiata (AS) L. Vatou (NH)
Light-Heavyweight	F. Elu (WS)	F. Terou (FP)	F. Nu'uvali (AS) G. Robati (CI)
Heavyweight	M. Nena (FP)	S. Fatialofa (WS)	M. Fifita (Ton) V. Atimalala (AS)

SOCCER

GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
New Caledonia	New Hebrides	French Polynesia

RUGBY

GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Western Samoa	Cook Islands	Tahiti

WEIGHTLIFTING

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Bantamweight	S. Oka (PNG) 260kg	R. Mudaliar (FIJ) 165kg	
Flyweight	W. Wai (WS) 230kg	S. Niautou (NC) 227.5kg	J. Seeto (PNG) 217.5kg
Featherweight	D. Seeto (PNG) 260kg	M. Cheung (PNG) 275.5kg	S. Gutuhau (NC) 235kg
Lightweight	G. Hui (PNG) 320kg	C. Seeto (PNG) 307.5kg	T. Amato (WS) 280kg
Middleweight	P. Wallwork (WS) 380kg	A. Cheung (FP) 310kg	R. Bowen (NC) 280kg
Light-Heavyweight	I. Luveni (FIJ) 327.5kg	S. Petelo (WS) 320kg	E. Smith (FP) 320kg
Middle-Heavyweight	O. Sue (WS) 370kg	F. Romanu (FIJ) 367.5kg	S. Tinorua (FP) 327.5kg
Heavyweight	P. Bernard (WS) 395kg	Q. Vilipati (FIJ) 367.5kg	M. Bone (NC) 342.5kg

JUDO

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Lightweight	B. Blas (Guam)	L. Letaud (NC)	W. Chung (NH)
Light-Middleweight	P. N-Too (FP)	A. Blas (Guam)	S. Kuruvoli (Fiji)
Middleweight	P. Pimot (FP)	F. Briand (NC)	R. Blas (Guam) J. Yvert (FP)
Light-Heavyweight	P. Dormard (FP)	R. Santos (Guam)	S. Fateia (AS) V. Takayawa (Fiji)
Heavyweight	P. Briand (NC)	D. Loga (Fiji)	F. Faasuamalie (AS)
Open Title	R. Blas (Guam)	F. Briand (NC)	R. Santos (Guam) P. N-Too (FP)

YACHTING

GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Kraut & Frey (FP) 25.7pts	Burgaud & Burgaud (FP) 29.4pts	Arnould & Gogghe (FP) 39.1pts

GOLF

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Mens Individual	J. Wilkinson (PNG) 295strokes	P. Frame (PNG) 318strokes	L. Graham (Fiji) 320strokes G. Gogue (Guam) 320strokes
Mens Team	Papua New Guinea (942strokes)	Fiji (960strokes)	Guam (986strokes)
Womens Individual	J. Munden (PNG) 335strokes	B. Lamb (Fiji) 341strokes	P. Archbold (Fiji) 354strokes
Womens Team	Papua New Guinea (690strokes)	Fiji (693strokes)	Guam (826strokes)

MENS TEAM SPORTS

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Volleyball	New Caledonia	French Polynesia	American Samoa
Basketball	French Polynesia	American Samoa	Papua New Guinea
Tabletennis: Single	W. Jones (PNG)	V. Lau (FP)	A. Cugola (NC)
Double	Sokolowski/Jones (PNG)	Lau/Laoen (FP)	Cugola/Pansi (NC)
Teams	Fiji	Papua New Guinea	New Caledonia
Mixed Doubles	Mervin/Lau (FP)	Nada/Cugola (NC)	Renner/Low (Fiji)
Tennis: Singles	W. N'Godrela (NC)	Acajou (FP)	P. Laharague (FP)
Doubles	N'Godrela/Begaud (NC)	Laharague/Caisson (FP)	Eagles/Eagles (PNG)
Teams	New Caledonia	French Polynesia	Fiji
Mixed Doubles	N'Godrela/Menard (NC)	Eagles/Godden (PNG)	Caisson/Pichevin (FP)

WOMENS TEAM SPORTS

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Volleyball	French Polynesia	New Caledonia	Wallis & Futuna
Basketball	Papua New Guinea	French Polynesia	New Caledonia
Tabletennis: Singles	H. Mervin (FP)	M. Ali (NC)	L. Naivalulevu (Fiji)
Doubles	Ali/Noda (NC)	Renner/Naivalulevu (Fiji)	Mervin/Jacquet (FP)
Teams	Fiji	New Caledonia	French Polynesia
Tennis: Single	M. Menard (NC)	H. Miller (AS)	G. Morault (NC)
Double	Morault/Morault (NC)	Godden/Nash (PNG)	Miller/Yandall (AS)
Teams	New Caledonia	Papua New Guinea	American Samoa

ARCHERY

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Individual	L. Thompson (Fiji) 1922pts	K. Winchcombe (PNG) 1874pts	E. Shan (FP) 1860pts
Teams	Fiji (5621pts)	Papua New Guinea (5308)	

CYCLING

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
1km Time Trial	R. Loquet (NC) 1.13.07	P. Bonno (FP) 1.15.15	A. Lutafu-Olson (W&F)
4km Individual Pursuit	G. Sikan (NC) 5.25.69	E. Sanquer (FP) 5.33.79	C. Williams (PNG) 5.38.37
4km Olympic Pursuit	French Polynesia (5.2.69)	New Caledonia (5.3.14)	Wallis & Futuna
7km Road Race	New Caledonia (1:47.6)	French Polynesia (2:37.00)	Wallis & Futuna
Individual Road Race (approx. 111km)	A. Lutafu-Olsen (W&F) 2:56.58	A. Bastolaer (FP)	D. Cornaille (NC)
Individual Sprint	M. Pont (FP) 12.42s	A. Bastolaer (FP)	R. Scoleri (NC)

SPEARFISHING

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Individual	M. Alteo (FP) 93150pts	M. Temari (FP) 48150pts	F. Kaua (FP) 31250pts
Teams	French Polynesia (172550pts)	New Caledonia (21110pts)	Cook Islands (7600pts)

"If there's one medal for the French, it'll be for hospitality"

By DON BARRETT, just back from Papeete

Games organisers of the South Pacific Games are determined that competitors and officials from 13 countries expected to send teams to Tahiti next year, will get the "full treatment".

I didn't find any antipathy to the Games in the week I spent in Tahiti. I did find a lot of enthusiasm; and it wasn't all confined to the Games organisers.

Tourist Development Board chairman, Jacques Drollet, for example is sure the Games will mean a big advertisement for Tahiti. He's looking forward to welcoming many visitors who will go to "support" their teams, but probably lured just as much by tales of Tahiti's attractions.

With 16 months to go preparations are well advanced in Papeete. New Guinea (site of the last Games) organisers would have been sighing with relief had they been as far ahead at the same relative time.

But Organising Committee chairman, Dr. Pierre Cassiau, and Director of Organisation (and Games Council Chairman), Lysis Lavigne, are too old at the business of sports administration to sit back and take things easy.

Mindful of the anxious moments—and indeed near panic—that Australian waterfront disputes caused the 3rd Games organising committee when essential stores were held up

for over two months, the Papeete organisers have allowed an even greater lead time for their main essentials.

The sporting facilities will be good—there's no question of that.

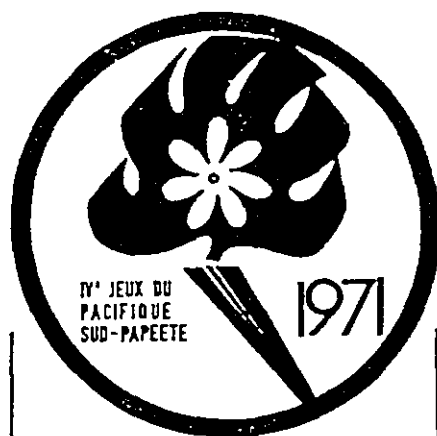
A new stadium at Pater, less than two miles from the centre of Papeete, is near completion. The main (covered) stand is in fact finished but for some fittings. The central ground is grassed, the inner curb for the athletic running track is laid.

Additional open concrete seating tiers are being built for a total seating capacity of 10,000. The running track will be grass—a fact that will please New Guinea, Fiji, and the old Nauruan fox, Morgan Morris.

Less than half a mile from the Pater stadium is the "old" Fautau stadium which will be the venue for much of the football competition and which also includes the concrete cycling track.

In the same complex will be four new tennis courts and an indoor stadium seating 1,500. This will be the venue for boxing and for basketball and volleyball finals.

Right on the waterfront, and with



Noumea commercial artist, Andre Henry, has done it again. Having designed the official emblems for the Second and Third South Pacific Games, and the general theme of the new South Pacific Commission flag, his design for the emblem of the Fourth South Pacific Games has been accepted.

Mr. Henry, from Paris originally, took part in all the contests in open competition.

The new emblem bordered in blue, shows a torch whose flame represents a red stylised leaf of the bread fruit tree ("uru"), in the middle of which stands, in white, a Tahitian flower, "Tiare Tahiti".

a backdrop of lovely Moorea is the Tikeaerui olympic swimming pool. A feature sure to please competitors and officials is the considerable amount of space around the actual pool.

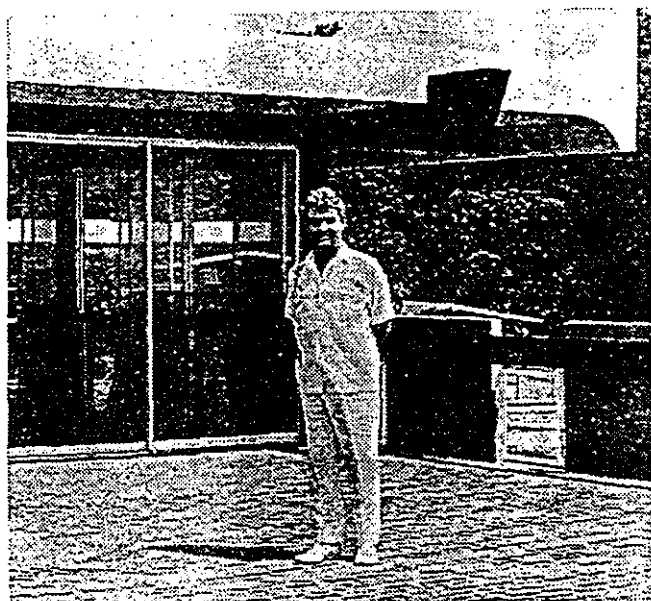
Pool ready

The harbour authorities won an argument about placement of one of the light towers—interference with navigation lights was claimed. Now all is ready for the towers to be erected and, probably in June, the pool will be filled for the first time.

The Fireball bug seems to have really done a job at Port Moresby. Yachtsmen in other countries were impressed with the speedy little boats, and the 4th Games organising committee had little hesitation in plumping for the Fireball as the competition craft.

Having done so they proceeded to order no less than 14 boats. Some have already been sailed.

A tourist demand for golf has been a lucky break for South Pacific golfers who will be testing their skill on the Atimaono course, a new 18



Chairman of the Games Council Lysis Lavigne on the observation deck of the Tikeaerui olympic swimming pool.

Golf a lucky break

hole layout some 25 miles from Papeete.

All volleyball and basketball competition will be indoors. A second but smaller covered stadium is available for preliminary matches.

Being impossible to please everyone, there is sure to be heartburning in New Guinea, Fiji and the Solomons, with netball dropped from the list of sports to be staged.

Neither netball nor softball are played in Tahiti. At the Games Council meeting in Port Moresby last August the Tahitian delegates indicated they would not be able to stage both these sports.

It's certain that the troubles over netball at Port Moresby influenced the decision to stage softball in preference. And, of course, American Samoa and Guam had indicated considerable technical help to the organisers if softball was chosen.

Games headquarters will be in the just completed Papeete Youth Centre, also on the waterfront and a quiet stroll from the olympic pool.

As at Port Moresby, each sport technical committee will have its own meeting room. These will be at the Paofai pre-school centre—right in town and not far from main venues.

There'll be segregation of the sexes at the Papeete Games villages. Male competitors and officials will be housed in the Paul Gauguin College complex, with three storey dormitory blocks, spacious kitchens and mess rooms and ample facilities for recreation.

The female village will be in an

The French way of life, including plenty of sitting about in outdoor cafes, should appeal to Islands competitors in the Games.

annexe of the Catholic, Anne Marie Javouhey College. Again spaciousness is the keynote, and tree-shaded lawns.

All those living in the villages will sleep in two-tier bunks. There will be a commandant at each, with his own staff and there'll be radio and television lounges, canteen and souvenir shop, and postal facilities.

First copy of a *Games News Bulletin* has been produced, a bi-monthly publication designed to keep member countries abreast of preparations.

In April, I was reminded of Port Moresby 16 months before Games time. A handful of people working flat out, lots of people offering vocal encouragement, but doing nothing practical. And the big majority not really sure that the Games can or will happen.

It could and did at Port Moresby: It can and will at Papeete.

And one thing is sure. There WILL be the biggest welcome that any host country has ever given visiting teams. For as Lysis Lavigne says, "one medal we are going to win is the medal for hospitality".

Nauru developments

In Nauru, runners Tony Bowditch and Robbie Morgan-Morris are preparing keenly for the Games.

No Olympic standard tracks for these well-known athletes: Morgan-Morris is reported to be taking two to three runs around the island (10½ miles circumference) in a night's training—good preparation for the next encounter with Caledonian marathon champion Auguste Goe.

Meanwhile Mrs. Lois Lux, gold medallist in the discus throw over the past few years, has now left Nauru and will not be competing for Nauru next year.

A 12½ mile swim off Noumea—for adventure's sake

From a Noumea correspondent

Three young Caledonian swimmers recently undertook an adventurous exploit in swimming from the Amedee lighthouse, across the lagoon off Noumea, to Anse Vata beach, a distance of 12½ miles.

They were Andre Bargibant and brothers, Jean-Yves and Jean-Pierre Mamelin. Competitors at the Port Moresby South Pacific Games last August may remember that the Mamelin brothers were in the winning Caledonian 4 by 100 metre free style relay team. Jean-Yves also won both the 100 metre and 200 metre freestyle events, creating new Games records on both occasions.

On their swim from the Amedee lighthouse, the three Caledonians were accompanied by several boats with supporters and also several other swimmers who undertook to accompany them. These latter, though having the advantage of flippers, were, however, forced to give up.

Coaching in US

The three champions completed the distance in 7½ hours, much to the delight of an enthusiastic young crowd awaiting their arrival at Anse Vata.

Meanwhile, two other young swimmers flew to Los Angeles in May for a three week training session with American coach, Peter Daland. Young Marlene Hanner and Dolores Anewy were accompanied by their Caledonian coach, Jacques Mouren.

The girls were joined in their training by members of the French national team. Marlene's elder sister, Simone Hanner, had earlier flown to France to swim with the national team.

• The Cook Islands, which were not represented at the Third South Pacific Games in Port Moresby last year, are to send their biggest ever contingent to the Fourth Games in neighbouring Tahiti. The Cook Islands Sports Association has decided that 84 athletes will take part in seven events, the majority in athletics, Rugby and basketball. The team will cost about \$10,000 to send and fund raising activities have already started.



THEY'RE TAKING FRENCH SPORTS RIVALRY VERY SERIOUSLY IN NOUMEA



Rivalry between the French territories of New Caledonia and French Polynesia promises to be especially keen at the forthcoming South Pacific Games in Tahiti, September next year.

From HELEN ROUSSEAU, in Noumea

Swimmers in Noumea are expected to begin serious training in mid-August, after a one month closing of the pool used by the Cercle des Nageurs Caledoniens.

Only about half a dozen youngsters have been training regularly this winter, with water in the pool under 70 deg. Heating equipment did not arrive when expected, but it's hoped it will be available for installation in the pool shortly.

Meanwhile it's known locally that stronger competition may be expected in Tahiti next year—especially since the opening of the pool in Port Moresby, where the climate is also more favourable for winter training.

One of New Caledonia's main hopes for Tahiti, Marie-Jose Kersaudy, has not trained for several months, but is expected to start getting into form around October. In mid-July, young Marlene Hanner and Dolores Anewy, flew off to France to enter the national field.

Happy events of the swimmers' month, was the marriage in France of Simone Hanner and Jean-Yves Mamelin. The possibility of this young pair continuing their racing career, is now in doubt, however.

Main encouragement for the new season will be the arrival from Paris in August of French national swimming coach, Francois Oppenheim.

If swimming has slackened off during the Caledonian winter, soccer on the other hand has seen various keenly disputed competitions.

The international season opened in May, with the visit to Noumea of the Jardine Soccer Club from Hong Kong. In an evening match against a Caledonian selection, the Chinese players won 2-1.

Much-awaited encounters were then held in Tahiti in early July, between the Swiss of Zurich, Tahitians and Caledonians.

The Caledonians defeated Tahiti in the first match 2-0, but a second prolonged encounter brought a 4-2

Rugby may be dropped at Papeete

Rugby Union may well be scrapped altogether from the Fourth South Pacific Games to be played in Papeete next year. At Port Moresby in 1969, Fiji handed out such a trouncing to the other sides that the sport was declared an optional rather than a compulsory sport in future. And now with the problem of transporting large teams all the way to French Polynesia with another trouncing ahead, many sides are dropping out.

Tonga, Fiji's only serious Rugby rival, is not sending a team, and Western Samoa is having serious doubts. From the distance point of view, Papua-New Guinea will have to do some hard thinking if it is prepared to send its side, but the Cook Islands, the closest of the other territories to French Polynesia, has signified its willingness to be represented in Rugby.

If Rugby is deleted from the sports at Papeete, it will mean that more contestants can enter smaller events such as spear fishing and archery (two new sports for next year) and boxing, cycling, golf or judo.

score in favour of Tahiti. The Swiss were then beaten by Tahiti but defeated New Caledonia.

The Caledonian coach, Guy Elmour, was at the time in France for training. As an indication of the importance attached to the Tahiti performances, however, Mr. R. Siener, director of the Department of Youth and Sports in Noumea, asked the Territorial Assembly to sponsor his trip to Tahiti to study this important rival for the September Games.

Mr. Siener was also to prepare the December visit of some 58 Caledonian athletes to Tahiti.

To seek out new prospects for the Caledonian athletics team, the Department of Youth and Sports was planning trials throughout inland centres during July-October.

In the tennis field, a team of Caledonian players earlier visited Sydney for a series of valuable matches against suburban clubs.

Finally, in volley-ball, the famous so-called "Racing Club de France" team arrived in Noumea on July 16, to play a series of three matches. This champion French team was also scheduled to play one match in the New Hebrides and five in Tahiti.

This visit was another indication of the keen interest Paris is taking in the preparation of its French Pacific athletes for next September in Tahiti.

Port Moresby basketballers hoped to establish a world record for goal throwing during a "throwathon" in early August. During the throwathon, to raise funds to send a territory team to the South Pacific Games, four teams were to attempt to throw as many goals as possible in a six hour period.

It will be tight on pockets—but games fever is mounting

From DON BARRETT, in Rabaul

With the Fourth South Pacific Games just over a year off, competing countries are starting to re-view budgets and team sizes. And already it appears that in the enthusiasm that followed the Port Moresby Games some countries were a little over-optimistic when submitting provisional entries.

New national sports bodies sprouted in Papua-New Guinea and the Solomons all anxious to field teams for the 17 sports in Papeete. Now the cold hard facts of finance are catching up fast with some of the super-optimists.

New Guinea's South Pacific Games Association has set a figure of \$A425 for each competitor and team official, to be raised by the individual sporting bodies.

The newly formed P-NG Amateur Cycling Association has had second thoughts about sending a team to Tahiti; other sports have cut team size, while the exclusion of netball from the Games will reduce the overall size of the P-NG team.

Archery is another new sport in the territory. The archers are still hoping to send a men's team, but a lot may depend on form shown over the next six months.

The swimmers are all smiles since their successful "swimathon" when \$5,000 was raised in one night. With a planned team of 12 they are literally home and dry.

The athletes face the biggest task of financing a team of 30 plus manager and coach; a big crowd-pleaser at Games time, athletics is perennially poor at other times.

All sports bodies in New Guinea are worried about coaching and competition for their Games aspirants. These things cost money and the added cost of providing them—as well as the Tahiti travel budget—is the main topic of conversation among sportsmen.

The Administration is likely to grant a subsidy to assist the team as it has in the past three Games—and the P-NG Games Association is counting on this aid to balance its Tahiti budget.

In the Solomons, talk is of what assistance may be forthcoming not only from the High Commission for the West Pacific, but also the British Government.

The experiment of moving a team by sea to Port Moresby was a suc-

cess in that it made possible the inclusion of youngsters to gain experience. But it's not an experiment likely to be repeated. Bad weather and distance daunted the best sailors among the BSIP team on their return trip.

Its air or nothing for Tahiti.

Swimming is emerging as a new sport in the Solomons while judo, volleyball, boxing and underwater spear fishing all now have national associations. Sport is booming and this poses problems for officials of the BSIP Amateur Sports Association.

New facilities are urgently needed. Fund raising over the last 12 months has been beamed towards provision of new sports facilities—mainly at the proposed Honiara Community Centre.

This is good thinking as the centre will meet many needs. But an over severe restriction in team size for Tahiti will mean disappointment and could affect sports development in the Solomons.

The New Hebrides South Pacific Games Council is perhaps the happiest—if not the smuggest—national sports body in the Pacific right now. The French Government has guaranteed the cost of moving 35 of the New Hebrides team from Vila to Tahiti and additionally will

contribute 25 per cent. of the cost of a further 35.

With its own fund raising activities already successful and with hopes that the British Government will make some gesture, the biggest yet team of 70 plus from New Hebrides is sure to make the trip to the Games.

Main topic of talk among Hebridean sportsmen is what will the British Government do. There's a rather hopeful air since the British general election.

Since the British part of New Hebrides administration comes under the High Commission for the West Pacific it could be that both Hebrides and Solomons will get help.

Neither the Solomons nor the Hebrides will send a Rugby Union team and Papua-New Guinea is doing some soul searching on this score. With Tonga and Fiji both non-starters for Rugby it now seems doubtful if this sport will be staged at the Games.

There is some support for a regional Rugby competition at a venue other than Tahiti but the politics of this are a little obscure. New Guinea's successful tour of north Queensland has whetted the local Rugby Unions' appetite for tours. Fiji, of course, is off to England, and Tonga would like a tour similar to their 1970 visit to New Zealand.

It would not surprise if the Council meeting at the time of the Tahiti Games produces a move to limit the number of sports to be staged at any Games. Some smaller countries cannot hope to enter in more than six or eight sports while the burden of staging a 20-event programme would be beyond the scope of those same countries.

The planned build-up of sports facilities in Honiara, including an Olympic swimming pool, could mean a bid from the Solomons to stage the Games towards the end of the decade—but not if there is to be a continual escalation of the number of sports.

The Port Moresby Games had a real South Pacific flavour and the



Tahiti Games will follow suit. This is what the people of the Games' countries want.

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This need not break up the spirit of the South Pacific Games. For the big majority of sportsmen and women, these Games will be the goal to which they aspire.

The fever is rising—in Port Moresby, Rabaul, Honiara, Vila and Santo. And doubtless in all those other towns in the Pacific where "Tahiti September 1971" are the magic words that hard-pressed sports administrators hope will separate from the public much needed dollars.

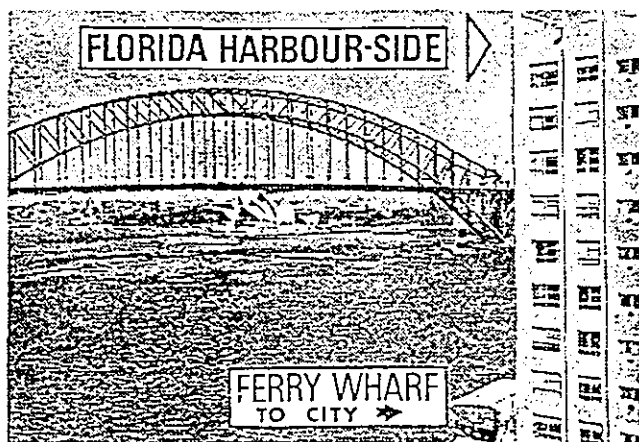


The sweet smell of victory. There will be many successes at Tahiti; let's hope every territory at least has a few of them. This particular happy lady is M. Kadavu who took the gold long jump medal for Fiji at Port Moresby last year.

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THERE WILL BE 1,500 SPORTSMEN AT THE PAPEETE GAMES

From HELEN ROUSSEAU, in Noumea

Tahiti will have spent over SUS 3 million in facilities for the 1,500 sportsmen and women who will take part in the Fourth South Pacific Games in Papeete next September 8 to 19. Half the money will come from metropolitan France, the other half from the territory; and the Games programme will be operated on a 55 million CFP (SA490,000) budget.

Mr. Lysis Lavigne, secretary-general of the Games Organising Committee, visited Noumea in November to discuss plans for the 1,000 men and 500 women from 14 territories, who will take part.

He said he was sorry to say that hopes for the participation of the US Trust Territory had now been abandoned, although he was still hopeful that Niue might be represented.

Following a decision reached in Port Moresby last year, the athletes will be lodged in two separate villages; the girls to the annexe of the Anne Marie Javouhey College, in the so-called "mission" district, and the men to the west of Papeete, at the Paul Gauguin High School.

Territories will be charged 350 francs CFP (SA3.10) per day for each athlete accommodated, with Tahiti bearing the additional cost of 150 CFP per day per athlete.

Following a visit to the olympic village in Mexico, Mr. Lavigne feels that meals would best be self-service.

Equipment is thus to be imported from either France or the US.

There will be three main sporting areas. At Fataua will be held Rugby, soccer, cycling and tennis, with an indoor stadium for boxing and the finals of basketball and volleyball.

About 500 yards away, the territorial olympic stadium, on what used to be the Pater family ground, will be used for the opening and closing ceremonies as well as the soccer final and athletics.

Nearby, the Maison des Jeunes (Young People's Club) of Pirae will accommodate weight-lifting events.

About one mile away on the west side of town and near the men's village, is the third main complex, Tipaerui, with olympic swimming pool, and a hall for the elimination matches of volleyball. A sportsfield used for athletics training will take the softball events.

Several downtown church buildings will also be used: the Mormons' mission will serve for judo contests

and their school for table tennis. St. Paul's Roman Catholic hall will serve for the qualifying rounds of basketball.

Sailing events will be held near the yacht club, while, for the under-water fishing, two areas are under consideration, the ultimate choice depending on the wind.

For soccer, it's proposed to use various fields. One plan is to fly players to Uturoa, the second largest town in French Polynesia, on the isle of Raiatea, in the group known as Sous le Vent. Uturoa may be reached by a one-hour DC4 flight from Papeete.

Describing further details of sporting facilities, Mr. Lavigne said the athletics track will be of grass. For basketball and volleyball, there will be a concrete floor, except in the case of the Tipaerui hall for qualifying volleyball, which will have a plastic surface. The same finish, an American process, will be used on the tennis courts.

Competitions will be spread over six days, with no Sunday sport. Boxing will be held regularly at night, together with some other events. Some qualifying and elimination heats will be held in the mornings, with the rest of the programme divided among the afternoons.

Mr. Lavigne said average daytime temperatures in Tahiti during September are 77 deg. to 80 deg. Fahr. Humidity is generally around 80 per cent. while prevailing winds are from the east.

The Tahiti Games secretary-general also mentioned that various qualified judges and referees were expected from metropolitan France.

Mr. Lavigne appeared most optimistic over the success of the Games, in which the Tahitians will obviously be making a big effort to also show the touristic charms of their islands.

● See next page for more stories on the Papeete Games.

PERCY CHATTERTON (from p. 49)

education to tertiary or vocational level. Some have even objected to their going to high school. They want them back home to be groomed for the bride market.

Once my proposal is adopted this reluctance will disappear overnight, and parents will urge their daughters to go to high school and college.

Picture a typical scene at the airport. A neat, mini-skirted damsel in her late-teens is about to take off for Lae, where she has enrolled for a course in civil engineering at the Institute of Technology.

"The Board of Reference won't be able to fault that one," chuckles dad. "Work hard, darling", whispers mum, "remember what it will mean to your poor father". Then, as the trim figure pauses briefly at the top of the gangway to say goodbye, "Success in your studies", they cry, "go with God, and come back with a diploma".

By and by, when independence comes and the National League of Paginian Women has been formed, I shall look for some small recognition of the blow I am now striking for them—say, a golden heart with bar.

In the meantime, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all readers of this column.

The teams

Fourteen countries have entered teams for the Fourth Games, compared with the 12 which competed in the Third Games at Port Moresby in August last year.

They are: The Cook Islands, Fiji, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Guam, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, French Polynesia, Papua-New Guinea, the British Solomon Islands, American Samoa, Western Samoa, Tonga, and Wallis and Futuna Islands. In Port Moresby the Cooks and the Gilbert and Ellice did not compete.

A spokesman for the organising committee said no sport would be retained without at least four participating countries.

The organising committee has decided that in spite of the "disturbing withdrawal" of Rugby Union gold medallists, Fiji and Tonga from the sport, Rugby Union would be scheduled. The committee is counting on the goodwill of other territories to send a Rugby Union team to justify this decision.

The committee also has decided to substitute softball for netball in the Games calendar as the result of numerous demands.

The participating countries have nominated in the following sports:—

COOK ISLANDS: Athletics (men and women), basketball (women), boxing, skin diving, Rugby Union, tennis (men and women), yachting.

FIJI: Athletics (men and women), basketball (men and women), boxing, skin diving, soccer, golf (men and women), weightlifting, judo, swimming (men and women), softball, tennis (men and women), table tennis (men and women), archery, volleyball (men and women), yachting.

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS: Athletics (men and women), basketball (men), tennis (men and women), table tennis (men and women), volleyball (men).

GUAM: Athletics (men and women), basketball (men and women), boxing, skin diving, cycling, golf (men and women), judo, swimming (men and women), softball, tennis (men and women), table tennis (men), archery, volleyball (men and women), yachting.

NAURU: Athletics (men and women), basketball (men), skin diving, golf (men), judo, softball, tennis (men and women), volleyball (men and women).

NEW CALEDONIA: Athletics (men and women), basketball (men and women), boxing, skin diving, cycling, soccer, weightlifting, judo, swimming (men and women), Rugby Union, tennis (men and women), table tennis (men and women), archery, volleyball (men and women), yachting.

NEW HEBRIDES: Athletics (men and women), basketball (men and women), boxing, cycling, soccer, golf (men), judo, swimming (men and women), tennis (men and women).

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA: Athletics (men and women), basketball (men and women), boxing, cycling, soccer, golf (men and women), weightlifting, judo, swimming (men and women), Rugby Union, softball, tennis (men and women), table tennis (men and women), archery, volleyball (men and women), yachting.

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women), archery, volleyball (men and women), yachting.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS: Athletics (men and women), basketball (men), boxing, skin diving, soccer, golf (men and women), judo, swimming (men and women), Rugby Union, table tennis (men and women), volleyball (men), yachting.

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TONGA: Athletics (men and women), basketball (women), boxing, skin diving, soccer, tennis (men and women), volleyball (men and women), yachting.

WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS: Athletics (men and women), basketball (men), boxing, skin diving, cycling, soccer, weightlifting, volleyball (men and women).

Tahiti gets new yachts

Yachtsmen in French Polynesia have launched an all out effort to ensure that they capture at least the yachting gold medal at the Fourth Games.

French Polynesian skipper Alan Burgaud in his Fireball, *Aureole*, had a hard tussle with Papua-New Guinea's Geoffrey Dabb, in *Circe*, during the Third Games in Port Moresby last year. With the home ground advantage and brilliant sailing, Dabb took the gold medal by 8.4 points from Burgaud who had to be content with the silver medal.

The yacht club of Tahiti has now taken delivery of two French-built Fireballs which will be used to train prospective Games crews. A spokesman for the Tahiti Games Organising Committee says the boats are the equal in every way of those provided by the Papua Yacht Club for the last Games. Their yachtsmen expected to eventually have a fleet of 15 boats for training purposes. Fireball class yachting has become very popular among Tahitians.

A rigorous programme of training and competition has begun. Every three months the Fireballs and their individual crews are rated, as are the crews of 420 class boats, which also are in solid parallel training.

The Fireball crew which receives the lowest rating has its boat taken away and given to the leading 420 crew. This system is keeping every Games aspirant on his toes. Two crews will probably be fielded in the Games.

GEIC "goes international"

October was a sporting as well as royal month for the Gilbert and Ellice Islands. Prince Charles' visit overshadowed the sports scene, but the first ever "international" meeting between the colony and Nauru drew plenty of interest, when it was held in Tarawa.

The nine-strong Nauruan team did well, winning five athletics titles and the men's tennis doubles; the contest was such a success that the GEIC has been invited to make a similar visit to Nauru next year, possibly in May.

For both countries it was a vital chance to test the ability of young athletes against unknown quantities. It also provided an inter-territory sports fixture other than the South Pacific Games.

The GEIC is at present concentrating on inter-atoll sport within the colony as well as preparation for the Tahiti Games. Already some 10 inter-islands sports ventures have been held.

At present South Tarawa and Ocean Island have good sporting facilities and sport is being encouraged, through the colony's ASA, on North Tabiteuea, Abemama, Buaritari and Maiana.

Local bloods were outclassed by Nauru in the athletics events at the "international" meeting. Ricardo Solomon won the 100 metres in 11.6 s.; Robbie Morgan-Morris won the 400 metres in 56.6 s.; A. Bowditch won the 800 metres in 2 m. 7.4 s.; and Morgan-Morris also won the 1,500 metres in 4 m. 23.4 s. All except the 100 metres were GEIC records.

The GEIC, competing in its first international meeting outside the Games, won only one event—Marewenikiata in the 200 metres. In tennis the GEIC fared better, taking the men's and women's singles and the women's doubles and mixed doubles. Nauruans, Kun Menke and Ande Dabuae, won the men's doubles, 8-6, 6-4.

The meeting was a small but important one. It may well be the beginning of a close sporting relationship between the two territories, and it certainly provided a measuring stick.

The GEIC did not compete at the Port Moresby Games, but will be at Tahiti.

- Only six months to go to the Fourth South Pacific Games at Papeete and just about all the Islands territories have their problems as the pace of preparation mounts. A meeting between Tahiti and Fiji was almost abandoned, New Guinea has lost some of its best swimmers, Tonga is having transport problems, and Tahiti is hard at work getting things ready.

Islanders sort themselves out, with only six months to the Papeete Games

A combined athletics and swimming meeting between Fiji and Tahiti, providing valuable experience for both territories in preparation for the South Pacific Games in Tahiti, was almost abandoned in February because of an unfortunate breakdown in arrangements.

According to Fiji reports, the meeting was first proposed by Fiji in April last year, but it was not until last November that Tahiti agreed to send a team to Suva for a February contest.

When acceptance came through, the Fiji Amateur Athletic Association and the Fiji Swimming Association went ahead with arrangements.

Then the Tahiti authorities announced their intention of flying their 36 athletes and eight swimmers in a French military DC6. But they had no diplomatic clearance to fly a military aircraft into Fiji and there was also some concern in Fiji that Qantas or UTA might object to a military plane flying civilians on their air route.

The meeting was cancelled. And then it was on again. UTA and Qantas agreed to the flight and diplomatic clearance came through. The Tahiti team was due in on February 23.

It was also announced in Fiji in February that Fiji's team at the Games would be managed by Mr. Derek Robinson, secretary of the Fiji Rugby Union. He also heads a committee to raise funds to send the team.

Each participating sport will have one representative on the committee. Each sport will aim for a target of \$F200 per representative and will be responsible for raising its own funds. The remainder of the money will be raised by the central fund-raising committee.

Mr. L. R. Martin has been re-elected president of the Fiji Amateur Sports Association. Captain Stan Brown is senior vice-president. The four other vice-presidents are Derek Robinson, Mr. Don Dunckley, Mr. Edmund March and Miss Ruth

Lechte. Mr. Brian Wightman is secretary and Mr. Jack Naidu treasurer.

Fijian Samu Yavala won the Auckland provincial 400 metres championship in New Zealand in February. He clocked 47.2s, lowering his own personal best time of 47.8s by .6s.

His new time was .2s outside the Auckland record held by New Zealander Barry Robinson and .3s outside the NZ record held by Kenyan runner Charles Asati, who is Commonwealth 400 metres champion.

Fiji's Miriama Kadavu, gold medal winner in the 1969 Games long jump, is now reportedly clearing a consistent 18ft 6in in NZ, and once returned 18ft 8in. She'll be pretty hard to out-jump in Tahiti.

Peceli Kina, the Fiji field events athlete who recently went to Auckland for training with Yavala, has been training hard at the Western Suburbs Athletic Club, and is learning much from some of the top-rank NZ discus experts.

Two Fiji track stars who look certain of gold medals at the Games are Saimoni Tamani and Usaia Sotuto, under training at the moment at Brigham Young University, Utah, U.S. Mr. Willard Hirschi, assistant coach at the university, considers that Saimoni, who recently ran 55.8s for the 500 yards on boards, is world class. He also thought Usaia might "surprise with the type of training he is getting at

BYU".

Saimoni took the 400 metres and 800 metres golds at the Port Moresby Games in 1969, while Usaia took the 10,000 metres and the 3,000 metres steeplechase.

Swimming set-back for New Guinea

New Guinea's swimming chances at the Games took a blow in February with announcements that Neal Bostock and Nigel Cluer would not compete, and Kevin Peni was a doubtful starter.

Bostock, who took the 400 metres freestyle gold in Moresby, is leaving to go to university in Brisbane, and Cluer, with 100 metres backstroke, 200 metres breaststroke and 200 metres individual medley golds at Moresby, has already gone to America.

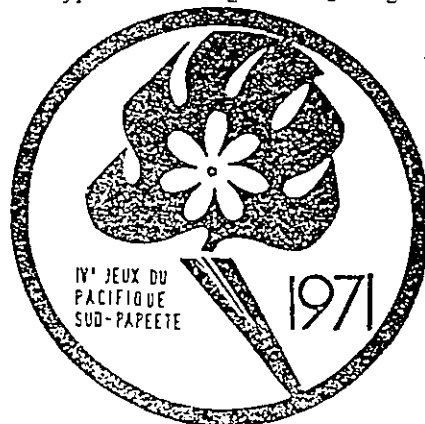
To train a team of 12 from what is left of the territory swimmers, two coaches have been appointed. They are Joe Kuth, coach at the last Games, and Mrs. Jenny Russell, Boroko swimming instructress.

Tonga will play Rugby

News from Tonga is that, after all, a Rugby team will be sent to the Games. Last year Tonga announced, following Fiji's decision not to send a team, that it would also not be represented in Rugby (PIM, Aug., p. 37). However, the Tonga Rugby Football Union president, Mr. Lupeti Finau, said in February that the team would go—providing that Tonga's latest vessel, the renamed *Olovaha*, was available to take them.

The Tongan Rugby side has a busy time ahead. In 1972 Fiji tours Tonga, 1973 Tonga tours Australia, and 1974 Tonga tours Wales.

Rumour has it, though, that both





Rugby and basketball have lost favour in Tonga since King Taufa'ahau began encouraging soccer, and his daughter, Princess Pilolevu, volley ball. But the Tongans are inexperienced at both new sports as yet.

Priority for the Games is being given to those who have the best chance of winning medals. Athletes and boxers have been in training since early this year and are progressing well. Keta Longi, who won four gold medals at Port Moresby, may contest different additional

events in Tahiti, and she should be very hard to beat.

The 1971 Tongan championships will be commencing shortly, and should be closely contested. Most established boxers will be competing, as well as those newly registered.

New sports at the Games, soccer, volley ball and underwater fishing, have attracted a lot of interest in Tonga, but it looks as though the financial situation will dictate that, not including Rugby, only 15 contestants will represent Tonga.

Everything smooth in Papeete

Finally, in Papeete itself, work on preparing sporting facilities is going well. Fautau Stadium has had a facelift and will sport new dressing room facilities and stands for 1,500 under cover. In addition, the cycling track is being completely remade, five new tennis courts are being built with a modern clubhouse, and a multi-sport area is under way.

Competing in these top-class conditions, the territory teams will face a formidable array of French Polynesian athletes performing on their

home ground. French Polynesian best performances for 1970 were:

SENIOR MEN: 100 metres, 11.2s, Alexandre Aunoa; 200 metres, 23.6s, Alexandre Aunoa; 400 metres, 53.2s, Jean Tetuanui; 800 metres, 2m 5.6s, Michel Paillie; 1,500 metres, 4m 39.0s, Michel Paillie; 5,000 metres, 17m 25.9s, Villemin; 400 metres hurdles, 1m 0.7s, Jean Tetuanui; 110 metres hurdles, 15.8s, John Salmon; 400 metres relay, 45.5s, J. Salmon, A. Maurin, S. Ella-cott, M. Thunot; high jump, 1.95 metres, John Salmon; broad jump, 6.48 metres, John Salmon; hop, skip and jump, 12.61 metres, Pierre Chun; shotput, 12.44 metres, Alfco Pihatarioe; discus, 32.55 metres, Steven Vairuaroa; javelin, 49.91 metres, Preaudat.

SENIOR WOMEN: 100 metres, 13s, Dominique Chaze; 200 metres, 27.6s, Dominique Chaze; 400 metres, 1m 7.9s, Francoise Roche; 800 metres, 2m 49.3s, Francoise Roche; 400 metres hurdles, 56s, E. Lehartel, E. Temahahe, M. Drollet, Y. Harry; high jump, 1.52 metres, Yvonne Harry; broad jump, 4.91 metres, Yvonne Harry; shotput, 10.13 metres, Claude Maïtere; discus, 31.34 metres, Claude Maïtere; javelin, 33.73 metres, Yamial Dehors.

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● Arms wideflung, Tahiti's 15-year-old Danielle Guyonnet just edges Fiji's Anaseini Tabuto (right) and Livia Tagunu (left) in the women's 100 metres. It was one of the closest finishes in the athletics contest, see story opposite page.—Photo: Bal Rana

GETTING READY FOR THE TAHITI GAMES

Fiji is aiming to send a team of 179 to Tahiti, including managers and coaches. For this, organisers will have to raise \$46,000. The largest single group will be the athletes—33 of them, men and women.

Archery will have 10 representatives; basketball, 28; boxing, 13; golf, eight; judo, six; skindiving, three; soccer, 20; softball, 14; swimming, 10; lawn tennis, seven; table tennis, 10; volleyball, nine; weightlifting, eight; yachting, four. There will be two over-all team managers.

The cost of sending each competitor will be \$256, including \$173 for travel and \$49 for accommodation.

Manager of the Fiji team, Mr. Derek Robinson, who is also chairman of the fund-raising committee, considers since this is the first full dominion team to compete overseas and Fiji is the second biggest country in the Games, it would be "unthinkable for Fiji not to send the strongest possible team".

The drive for funds has already started. One of the first big projects is the "spot the ball" contest in the *Fiji Times* from April 1. In 1969, this kind of competition raised \$6,000.

Approaches have been made to clubs and firms with the idea that each

should adopt an athlete—that is, raise enough money to send one competitor.

Fiji's wonder boy Saimoni Tamani, currently studying and running at Brigham Young University, US, was robbed from gaining a world record for the 440 yards indoor event on boards recently. At a Houston National Federation meeting he returned a time of 47s, after being boxed in by other runners, and came second. The world record is 46.2s. Fiji's Usaia Sotutu came fourth in the 1,000 yards with a time of 2m. 11.4s.

Fiji won't have what would have been one certain swimming gold medalist for the Fourth South Pacific Games at Papeete later this year—14-year-old Shane Gould, who learned to swim in Nadi Bay. Shane is the daughter of Ron and Shirley Gould who spent seven years at Nadi, where Ron was manager for PanAm.

Shane first showed promise as a swimmer, when three months old, in a small plastic foam tyre. She first became competent without support

when she was three. Ron had a boat and whenever he was out in Nadi Bay, Shane would tag along. She would also go to Nawaka Village, near Nadi, to swim with Fijian friends.

She did her first competitive swimming in the pool at Nadi Airport, when the Gould family left Fiji in 1968 to return to Australia. Shane was junior champion at Nadi Airport.

Now a pupil of Turramurra High School, Sydney, she has really gone into the top class as a swimmer and is Australian champion for 100, 200 and 400 metres freestyle and 200 metres medley. She holds the Australian record for all those events except the 100 metres freestyle, and in the 100 metres Dawn Fraser is the only one with a better time.

This year she is the only girl in the top 10 swimmers for all events on a world classification basis. Her best time of 2 m. 7.8 sec. for the 200 metres freestyle is only .9 sec. outside the world record set at the 1968 Olympic Games by Debbie Cole.

Ahead of Shane this year is a tour of Europe, the UK and Japan in an Australian team, and almost certain selection in the Australian team for the 1972 Olympics at Munich.

Shane just misses out on being a *Kai Viti*. Her parents were in Fiji in 1956 on a three months' tour of duty. Before the tour ended Mrs. Gould returned to Australia for confinement because of possible complications and Shane was born eight days later.

Western Samoa is to send nine boxers to the Games, ranging from bantam to heavyweight. And judging from their form, it looks as though Samoa will do even better in boxing at Papeete than in the previous two Games, where nine boxers took five golds and four silvers—every boxer making the finals.

Two boxers who took golds at the last Games have since reached greater heights. Moli Afakasi went on to become New Zealand champion and represented NZ in the British Commonwealth Games last year. And Laavasa Sagaga, an uncrowned professional and so far is the uncrowned middleweight champion of the South Pacific.

Meanwhile, 7-gan heavyweight silver medalist Port Moresby Fonomanu Seka turned profes-

sional recently. He was Tonga amateur champion.

A team of six boxers and a manager from the BSIP were to visit the New Hebrides during Easter weekend to warm up for the Games. The visit is the result of an invitation from the New Hebrides BA to pay their fares.

However, the BSIP has announced that it will not send a soccer team to Papeete because of a shortage of money. The decision by the Solomons ASA was a blow, as it was generally thought that the team would have a chance of a medal. It would cost \$14,000 to send a team.

The Gilbert and Ellice Islands ASA has announced it will send 10 athletes and tennis players to represent the colony in Papeete. Trials have begun to find the sportsmen, with the following time standards set: 100m, 11.3s; 200m, 23s; 400m, 54s; 800m, 2m. 5s; 1,500m, 4m. 20s; 5,000m, 17m; 10,000m, 35m; marathon (26.2 miles), 3hrs. 30m; high jump, 6ft; long jump, 22ft; triple jump, 43ft; discus, 130ft; shot put (16 lb), 45ft.

The ASA stipulated that athletes setting the times would have to be watched by responsible sporting bodies, hence athletes on outer islands wishing to test themselves, would have to travel to Tarawa.

Tennis players and athletes will be able to build up for the Games with a May return meeting in Nauru and the colony national championships in July.

So far Ten Tara is the only GEIC athlete to have won a medal in a Games. He won a bronze in the 10,000 metres in 1963. In September the GEIC hope to add a few more.

Fiji and Tahiti put their talent to the test

From SUE WENDT in Suva.

The on-again, off-again athletics and swimming confrontation between Fiji and Tahiti during the last week in February finally ended in a wash-out for the athletes.

At Buckhurst Park, Suva, Fiji was leading comfortably 89 to 70 when a tropical storm washed out the meeting, which had already been delayed by two days because of heavy rain.

Fifteen of the 28 points-scoring events of the two-day meeting had been completed when Suva's weather put a stop to proceedings. The Fiji girls, locked in a tight contest with the Tahitians, were leading 37-28 and the Fiji men 52-42.

One of the most spectacular performances was turned in by Tahitian Jean Bourne, who won the 100 metres in blinding rain in 10.6s, equaling the Fiji all-comers record held by J. Poihin, of New Caledonia, and Roy Thomas, of Fiji. Fiji's Kalivati Cavuilati was second with 10.7s—although observers say he broke early, after two previous false starts.

Jean Bourne, who has represented France against the US, also won the match triple jump with 44ft 3½in. Fiji's Etuete Kautoga was second with 43ft 3½in.

Among the highlights for Fiji was victory in the men's 4 x 400 metres relay, with anchor Samu Bulai arriving home 50 metres ahead of Tahiti's anchor Jean Tetuanui.

Although the meeting ended inconclusively, athletes and coaches agreed that the contest was a useful warm-up for the Tahiti Games in September.

On the swimming side, the outlook wasn't so bright for Fiji.

Although Fiji team members have covered something like 40 miles in training, they hadn't the conditioning of the Tahitians, who have been in serious harness since last August when their superbly fast Olympic-size pool was completed.

The American champions who went to Tahiti for the grand opening of the pool commented that the water

was perhaps the fastest they'd experienced. With showers and foot-baths a must before entering, the Tahiti pool makes the Suva sea baths look a murky mud-hole.

Nevertheless, Fiji's girls won their section of the match 39-31, in the overall results of 93 points for Tahiti and 66 for Fiji.

Young Lyndall Probert, top Fiji swimmer, broke Olive Pickering's Fiji record in the 100 metres butterfly by 0.1s, returning a time of 1m 18.5s. Her previous best was 1m 21.5s. Lyndall also won two other individual events she entered—the 200 metres individual medley (2m 53.2s) and the 100 metres freestyle (68.7s). She gained a maximum 15 points for the Fiji team.

Lyndall and the other Fiji girls—Lorraine Emberson, Sandra Hazelman, Marilyn St. Julian and Patsy Taylor—constitute the strongest women's team Fiji has had since 1966.

In the monthly Fiji newspaper, *Fiji Sport*, Mike Hohensee commented that in Tahiti in September, it looked as though Fiji would be fighting every inch of the way with New Caledonia for top awards in the women's events.

"Swimming honours in the South Pacific have tended to go in phases," he pointed out, "the phases being influenced by the facilities becoming available to those territories which have staged the Games."

"In 1963, with no standards to go by and the only full-length pool being the host, Fiji, Fiji took 14 out of the 15 gold medals."

"But at the same time Tahiti did not have a swimming team and until recently relied on one 20-metre hotel pool and a river creek for training. Last month they came to Fiji and broke every record in their book".

• The 1971 Trust Territory Micr-Olympics scheduled for August in Palau have had to be postponed because the Congress of Micronesia has not yet provided funds for the event. A bill providing for the funds was pending when the Congress was adjourned after the chambers were burned down (PIM, March, p. 22).



An example of the weather conditions: On a flooded discus circle, 19-year-old Joetama Panapasa elected to take a standing throw in the discus event—a decision which earned him the winning throw of 121 ft 3 in. Fiji's Tuisawaga Vereniki was second with a throw of 119 ft 4 in.—Photo: Bel Ram.

New Caledonia hosts the islands

Just four months to go to the South Pacific Games in Papeete in September and Islands territories are either hard at work holding their own championships, or sending the cream of their athletes to perform "overseas". For instance, the New Caledonians in April matched themselves against boxers from Fiji, Rugbymen and weightlifters from Tahiti and yachtsmen from New Zealand.

The Fijians started in an international boxing evening on April 3, organised by the Le Nickel company's sports club. The Fijians contested 10 amateur bouts against the locals, while middleweight gold medalist from the Port Moresby Games, Alipate Korovou, fought a professional bout against Australian Dick Blair.

The Fijians won three of the amateur bouts: Alipate Ledua (super-lightweight), Sefanaia Vakacequ (middleweight) and Eminohi Harada (flyweight). The locals won four: Emmanuel Tonhoueri (lightweight), Mitra Kaloi (welterweight), Noel Hmae alias Kautche and Wallisian Sosefo Lie as superwelers. Three bouts were drawn.

In his professional match, Korovou won a points victory over the Australian, Blair. The Fijian champion has been working a year in New Caledonia and was keenly supported by 2,000 spectators in the Noumea indoor stadium.

The Fijian boxers were followed by the Tahiti Rugbymen and weightlifters. Rugby has not been a traditionally strong sport among the Pacific French and the Tahitians claimed to have been only playing about one year. The rivalry was nevertheless keen; New Caledonia won both matches at the Magenta stadium, 9-3 and 12-6.

In the weightlifting, Tahiti won three out of five categories. Best results by the Tahitians were: A. Martin (lightweight) with 539 lb; Andre Chung (middleweight) with 627 lb, and Eric Smith (light-heavyweight) defeated Port Moresby gold medalist Seifen, with 731½ lb. Caledonian winners were Gutuhau Soane (featherweight silver medalist at Port Moresby) with 539 lb. and Martial Bone (heavyweight) with 726 lb.

Caledonian sporting interest then turned to yachting, when the territory was represented in the NZ yacht race from Whangarei to Noumea. It was the third time this event had been



organised, but more significant for the Caledonians, they were competing for the first time aboard the "Dame de Corail" (Coral Maid.)

Line honours were taken on April 25 by NZ sloop *Kismul* with, second, 31 ft yacht, *Chico*; *Chico* was unofficial winner on corrected times. *Coral Maid* was not among the leaders at the finish.

PNG withdraws from Rugby, volleyball

The New Caledonians will send 240 to the Games.

Papua-New Guinea announced in April it would send a team of 164—a considerable cut in numbers following a decision not to be represented in Rugby or volleyball.

The Rugby withdrawal came as no surprise as the PNG association was faced with a difficult fund raising effort, and the team had already completed a tour of North Queensland. Volleyball was different; the game is increasing in popularity in the territory and there was some dismay when volleyball administrators announced they wanted to spend funds on home facilities rather than an overseas trip.

The team will sport a new look. Hats are gone for both sexes. The men will wear bottle-green shorts, long white socks, and green slip-on shirts bearing a pattern similar to the Games tiara flower emblem. The women will wear pant suits.

New Guinea's preparations are reaching fever pitch as final and preliminary trials are held, and sporting bodies frantically raise funds to reach a target of at least \$60,000. A subsidy has been promised by PNG's government, but it's contingent on what is raised by public subscription.

Marathon trials in Port Moresby nearly ended in tragedy when Solomon Island runner Andrew Dakatia was knocked down by a car and seriously injured. At last report he was

recovering, but had been sent to Borneo for further treatment.

Athletes around PNG are faced with the problem—as in other years—of a lack of good coaches, and to make matters worse the team has won a good share of gold medals. The third Games has been scattered to many centres and some top athletes complain of lack of competition.

Woman athlete Salitia Pipit, who won the 800 metres at Port Moresby, is regarded as one of the best prospects. At last year's championships she easily won all titles from 100 to 800 metres.

PNG's swimmers seem certain again to give a good account of themselves. A training squad was chosen early this year and training is intensive. At least 12 swimmers will make the trip and they will include gold medalist Nigel Cluer, Max Mowbray and Charlie Martin, who since the last Games has broken both butterfly and backstroke records over 100 metres. Women swimmers Anne Pini and Tiko Mae from last Games, and Helen Burns, are the lady stars and these "veterans" will be backed by promising young swimmers appearing for their first Games.

PNG basketball teams seem sure to figure in the finals again at Papeete. The women will be out to repeat their gold medal win of the third Games, while the men will try to turn their silver from those Games into gold.

There is a new lineup of boxers on the scene. Three centres have been holding regular tournaments and competition for places in the boxing squad will be keen.

A Port Moresby club soccer team recently made a most successful tour of North Queensland, winning all its matches. This has revived hopes that PNG might at last break into the "big" final at the Games. Administrative problems have plagued this popular sport for two years, but officials are now hopeful that funds will be forthcoming for the Games team.

Weightlifters should again win their share of the medals with old stars like the Secto brothers going.

Champion yachtsman Dobbs has announced he will not be available this year and there's keen competition from "Fireball" men in Lae, Madang, Rabaul and Port Moresby for places in the team. Trials are to be held in Lae in June.

With archery being staged for the first time at the Games it's anybody's guess how the competition will go. PNG cyclists will face stiff competition from the experienced wheel men of New Caledonia.

Amateur Sports Federation secretary, Jack Pini, will manage the team. Mr. Pini was swimming manager at Port Moresby.

deadlock could continue until the SPC session in Noumea in September.

Professor J. W. Davidson, Professor of Pacific History at the Australian National University, who thinks that either Mr. Betham or Oalararua would be equally competent as secretary-general, commented in Canberra about the deadlock, "The micro-states and dependent territories of Melanesia and Polynesia have substantial doubts as to whether international conventions will be observed when it is a question of their opinion against those of the metropolitan powers which were the original members of the SPC."

"If Australia fails to break the present deadlock by withdrawing its candidate, they will feel that their suspicions have been confirmed".

Anger over gazetting of Norfolk Island law

Following a visit to Norfolk Island by the Australian Senate Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances, Norfolk Islanders held hopes that the unloved Companies Ordinance 1971 might be amended by the Commonwealth Government before being introduced.

But hopes were dashed on June 30 when the *Norfolk Island Gazette* announced that the ordinance had been promulgated—just in time for the new financial year.

A draft of the Companies Ordinance had earlier been rejected by the Norfolk Island Council and there has been strong opposition to it on many grounds, but particularly because it gives the Commonwealth Government powers to have solicitors reveal confidential company information, and to require companies registered on Norfolk Island to disclose much of their background. The ordinance had been widely interpreted as being an attempt by the Commonwealth Taxation Department to obtain information that will enable it to restrict the island as a tax haven—a view which the Minister for Territories has denied firmly.

There is at present no taxation on Norfolk Island, which is an Australian territory. (For full background details, see June, PIM, pp. 9, 16).

The sudden gazetting of the ordinance on June 30 caused a wave of protest on the island, which is likely to have strong repercussions, particularly as a High Court case is pending to test the extent of Commonwealth authority on Norfolk.

NEW HEBRIDES ATHLETES BEGIN TO SHINE

From a Vila correspondent

Coconut putting has now ceased in the New Hebrides. The condominium's shot-putter hopes for the South Pacific Games in Tahiti in September have now been kitted out with genuine "shot". The same goes for javelin throwers. They don't use bamboo any more.

And it's all thanks to the visit to Vila in August last year of Mr. Jean Poczubut, a French national coach from Paris. Preparation for the Games really started then. He took one look at the scene—no hurdles, no discoi, no javelins, no shot, no stop-watches! There soon were, all bought through the New Hebrides South Pacific Games Council using condominium funds.

During his six-week visit, Mr. Poczubut encouraged schoolchildren, visited the outer islands for athletic clinics, held regular training sessions in Vila and learned a few words of Pidgin!

He got an inkling of what the condominium's athletes could do with the first New Hebrides championships which he inspired. Athletes came from Tanna, Malekula and Santo as well as Efate.

Since then training has been going on regularly, apart from a break during the long school holidays coinciding with the hot season. Two VSO's have been travelling round encouraging athletics in the outer islands. In addition 3,000 metre steeplechasing has been introduced, with much hilarity but with reasonable prospects.

Qualifying standards for the Games have been set in all events and are in two categories—'A' for certain selection and 'B' for possible selection.

The highlight of recent preparations was a visit from a New Caledonia team in May. Out of 17 track events, nine were won by New Caledonia and eight by the New Hebrides: in the field events the New Caledonians won eight out of 12. Charles Godden, with effortless superiority, ran a superb 100 metres in 10.5s (he was second at Port Moresby) and his 200 metres in 21.7s set a new all-comers record. David Naupa, although coming second in both the 400 (to Lacabanne) and 800 (to



Running in the 5,000 metres steeplechase for the second time only, Supasong clears a hurdle with plenty of room to spare.

Julien) ran the fastest times ever recorded by a New Hebridean, which shows he is not far from the top; 400 metres in 49.7s and 800 metres in 2m 0.9s.

In the longest races Mathias Tabi ran a fine 1,500 metres in 4m 19.7s, a full 6s faster than he has ever done before, to come second only three metres behind Michel Guepy of New Caledonia. Supasong, running only for the second time in this event, won the 3,000 metres steeplechase in 11m 14.9s, well in front of Gerald Cortot. New Caledonia won the 5,000 metres, while a scratch New Hebrides 4 x 100 relay team won in 43.2s.

In the javelin, Talper Nial of the New Hebrides won with a beautiful throw of 57.2 metres, more than two metres in front of New Caledonia's Verges. Jonas of the New Hebrides did well in the long jump and triple jump, coming second in both with jumps of 6.71 metres and 13.58 metres respectively. Sacilotto of New Caledonia stunned the crowd with a pole vault of 4.10 metres, never before seen in Vila.

New Hebridean women wiped the board in the sprints, Lois Hafu winning the 100 metres and 200 metres comfortably but in unspectacular times while Anathiel and Irene came first and second in the 400 metres. Repest of the New Hebrides only

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both expatriates and the many Niueans with families living in New Zealand seems likely to disappear.

The airfield, considered among the best in the Islands, was completed in just over two years, at a cost of approximately SNZ600,000. By the time communications and airport facilities have been upgraded, the total will be around \$1 million.

The airstrip itself occupies 5,400 ft of sealed area, with a crushed coral base and 200 ft of grass overruns at each end.

What the service means to Niue is hard to imagine unless one has lived for a month on an island without fresh food supplies, mail, visitors or other diversions. Certainly, there'll be no recurrence of the mildly desperate situation of a few months ago, when the *Tofua* left the monthly mailbag sitting on Suva's wharf.

It will be invaluable in cases of emergency illness, a boon for business efficiency. Visitors will be more frequent and there are plans now to build a guest house with 20 double bedrooms, starting in August or September. Sited on the Alofi waterfront, it's due for completion in 18 months time and expected to cost SNZ220,000.

The island even has an embryo tourist authority which aims to attract a limited number of holiday-makers—"Probably retired New Zealand sheepfarmers," remarked one—with a week to spare and an interest in out-of-the-way spots.

But Niue's real problem—its diminishing population—is bound to intensify as a result of the new service. Already some 3,000 Niueans are living in New Zealand, while only 5,000 remain at home. The service will make it easier for the stay-at-homes to depart, so long as they can raise the fare. And many can.

Not everyone is wholly in favour of seeing the turbo-jet every week, although their reservations are generally for sentimental reasons. They fear it will be the end of Niue's particular brand of charm, which stems from its very isolation.

Certainly, most community leaders consider a weekly service ample at present. Nobody (and this is a typical Niuean trait) is in favour of rushing headlong into change—and, besides, the New Zealand Government would have to subsidise any flights that didn't pay on the Tonga-Niue-Western Samoa run.

My week on Niue coincided with the "triennial allocation".

Directors of departments went about their business with an anticipatory gleam in their eyes.

Samoans' drug sensation

Probably not for generations has lynch fever run so high in Western Samoa as it did in July when the arrest of four American yachtees, two men and two women, after drugs had been found in their stranded yacht *Nomad*, sparked off a sensation which only simmered down when three of them were gaoled.

They were the country's first drug offenders, which was sensation enough for the Samoans, but what caused the fever was that one of the yachtees, John Frederick Ford, 24, of 881 Holyglen, Long Beach, California, who was gaoled for three terms of four years each concurrent, had given some of the drugs to two young Samoan boys. Ford was also fined \$400. Samuel Clark Buell, 30, of Lahaina, Maui got 12 months and fined \$100. Kathleen Cook, 23, of Portland, Oregon, was gaoled for six months and fined \$100. Adella Ann Garza, 21, of Monterey Park, California, had the charges against her withdrawn. The judge recommended deportation for the convicted three as soon as possible, even if the sentences had not been served.

Mr. Wilson announced the allocation—New Zealand's aid for the next three-year financial period—on July 9. It came to a goodly SNZ3,075,000, which will do much to improve the standard of living and public facilities for the Niueans at home.

The \$3 million-plus will include a grant of \$2,160,000 towards the administration expenses of the Niue Government, a grant of \$580,000 as a contribution towards the general capital works programme, a grant of \$180,000 for road reconstruction, a grant of \$85,000 for increasing electric power generating capacity and a grant of \$70,000 to the Niue Development Board.

The NZ Ministers of Finance and Island Affairs may also jointly approve any additional cash needed by Niue to meet salary and wage increases which might be approved by the NZ State Services Commission between April this year and March, 1974.

In the capital works field the government's programme envisages a big upgrading of the standards of Niue's roading, construction of a fruit-processing factory, improvement of port facilities, construction of a guest house, and new school.

Tahiti gets ready for the Games

The impressive new SUS1,300,000 stadium, built at Pirae, Tahiti, for the Fourth South Pacific Games in September, was officially opened on the evening of June 22 by the Governor of French Polynesia, Mr. Pierre Angeli.

Work on the stadium began in November, 1967. It was designed to seat 10,000 people, including 2,300 under cover.

At an athletics display after the official opening ceremony, French Polynesia's champion pole vaulter Stanley Drollet, leapt to a new height of 14 ft 6 in. This was 4 in. better than his previous best, and 15½ in. better than his performance at the Port Moresby Games in 1969 when he won the silver medal. The winner on that occasion was Y. Bonnet de Larboynne, of New Caledonia, who set a new Games record with a leap of 13 ft 10 in.

In a soccer match following the athletics display, a team representing Tahiti beat a touring Welsh team by two goals to one, after being one-all at half-time.

"Your victory was well-merited" the Welsh captain said after the game.

By July's end, Tahiti was about ready to host the Games. Apart from the huge bill for the new Olympique stadium, Tahiti has spent SUS800,000 on renovating the old Fautau stadium, almost rebuilding it and relaying the cycle track; SUS700,000 on the new Olympic-size swimming pool, and SUS550,000 on organisation and billeting.

There are two villages for the 1,500 competitors, one at the Lycee Paul Gauguin, which will house 1,000, and the other at another school with room for 500. There will be room for 1,000 visitors at the hotels.

Rehearsals for the Games were in full swing in the various territories by the end of July, and a few new "hopes" were emerging. Fiji found a promising long-distance runner in Rajendra Prasad, one of the first Fiji-Indians to shine over long distance.

In a training run in Suva in the third week of July, he covered the 5,000 metres in 15 min. 54.7 sec., only 9.9 sec. slower than the Games record established at Noumea in 1966 by R. Morgan-Morris, of Nauru, and

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managed third place in the 800 metres, behind Diohoue and Wamo of New Caledonia but still broke her own previous record. She should improve with more local competition. New Hebrides won the 4 x 100 metres relay.

In the field events Leisale and Didin between them demolished the opposition in the shot, discus and javelin with throws of 10.22 metres, 33.18 metres and 37.65 metres respectively. It was in the two jumps however that Elocie of New Caledonia showed us how far we are behind in these events.

The competition stimulated performances on both sides and was an unqualified success. The NHAAA has since tried to get a small team to Fiji for similar competition but found it couldn't afford the fare. As in most countries the AA depends largely on its own fund-raising abilities to provide cash and in a small territory the resources are limited.

Since the New Caledonia match we have had the traditional Queen's Birthday sports meeting (June 11) but this took place in almost continual rain. No records were broken but athletes began to show great competitive spirit in chasing the tape.

At the Lakatoro Queen's Birthday sports, Ruth of South-West Bay was only half a second behind the New Hebrides record for the 200 metres, winning in 26.3s, the fastest time recorded in Vila this season. Mary Rion, of Nakatoro, cleared 4 ft 8 in. in the high jump. The next meeting, the national championships, will be held on July 10 with final selection for Tahiti taking place the next day. Mr. Pocobut returns then, so the New Hebrides expects to be sending a strong team of about 20 athletes to the Games.

Fourteen Pacific territories will take part in September in the Fourth South Pacific Games in Tahiti. The surprise, however, lies in the fact that only five territories will compete in swimming, which should be the number one sport.

Twelve territories will compete in boxing. As was expected, the host territory, French Polynesia, will participate in every sport. Following are the entries:

Athletics: All 14 territories will participate in the men's events, but on the women's side the Gilbert and Ellice will be missing.

Basketball: Men: Fiji, Guam, Nauru, New Hebrides, PNG, French

Polynesia, American Samoa, Wallis, New Caledonia. Women: Cooks, Fiji, New Hebrides, PNG, French Polynesia, American Samoa, New Caledonia.

Boxing: All territories except Nauru and GEIC.

Underwater fishing: Cooks, Fiji, Guam, French Polynesia, Solomons, Tonga, Wallis, New Caledonia.

Cycling: Guam, New Hebrides, PNG, French Polynesia, Wallis, New Caledonia.

Soccer: Fiji, Cooks, New Hebrides, PNG, French Polynesia, Tonga, New Caledonia.

Golf: Men: Fiji, Guam, New Hebrides, PNG, French Polynesia. Women: Fiji, Guam, PNG, French Polynesia.

Weight-lifting: Fiji, PNG, French Polynesia, Western Samoa, Wallis, New Caledonia.

Judo: Fiji, Guam, New Hebrides, French Polynesia, Solomons, American Samoa, New Caledonia.

Swimming (men and women): Fiji, Guam, PNG, French Polynesia, New Caledonia.

Rugby: Cooks, French Polynesia, American Samoa, Western Samoa, Wallis, New Caledonia.

Softball: Guam, Nauru, PNG, French Polynesia, American Samoa.

Tennis: Women and men: Cooks, Fiji, GIC, Guam, Nauru, New Hebrides, PNG, French Polynesia,

American Samoa, Western Samoa, New Caledonia.

Table Tennis: Men: Cooks, Fiji, Guam, PNG, French Polynesia, Solomons, New Caledonia. Women: Fiji, PNG, French Polynesia, New Caledonia.

Archery: Fiji, PNG, French Polynesia, New Caledonia.

Volleyball: Men: Cooks, Fiji, Guam, French Polynesia, American Samoa, Tonga, Wallis, New Caledonia. Women: Guam, French Polynesia, American Samoa, Tonga, Wallis, New Caledonia.

Yachting: Cooks, Fiji, Guam, PNG, French Polynesia, Solomons, Western Samoa, New Caledonia.

An interesting point is that Guam is participating in 13 out of 17 sports which, for the size of Guam is considered a very big effort.

In tennis, players will probably be able to call for yellow balls if desired.

Competitors and spectators using the Mormon facilities at Papeete will be required not to smoke or drink.

NG WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

The annual meeting of the New Guinea Women's Club will be held in Sydney on July 29 at 11 a.m., at 161 Castlereagh Street. Morning tea follows.

DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

Capt. L. Wild

Retired US Navy Captain Laurence Wild, Governor of American Samoa during World War II, has died in Coronado, California, at the age of 81.

Kaliopasi Fe'iloakitau Kaho

A member of the Tonga civil service for 45 years, Kaliopasi Fe'iloakitau Kaho (Sione) died on June 3 at his home at Kolofo'ou at the age of 89. Educated at Tonga College, he served in the Education Department for 24 years.

He was appointed a police magistrate in 1933 and in 1937 was Acting Governor of Vavau. His eldest brother, Tev was a Premier of Tonga.

Mr. S. Smith

Mr. Stuart Smith, a former bond keeper and auditor in the Norfolk Island administration for 17 years, died at his home on the island on June 15 aged 83. A Queenslander, Mr. Smith, better known as "Smithy", arrived on Norfolk in 1908 as a Pacific Cable Board operator, then

served in World War I, returning to the island in 1938.

Mr. A. Bell

Holder of the New Hebrides amateur athletic records for the long jump and triple jump, Mr. Alan Bell has died in New Zealand. He came to the condominium 13 years ago as a carpenter with the Presbyterian Church, joined the British Service three years later and before returning to New Zealand last October was building foreman with the Works Department. He was a founder of the New Hebrides Amateur Athletic Association and represented the New Hebrides in the first South Pacific Games at Suva in 1963.

Mr. Julian Reimers

Julian Reimers, eldest son of leading Majuro businessman Robert Reimers, died in Guam Hospital in May from head injuries received when his pickup and a jeep collided in a Majuro street.

He is survived by his wife Reily and 12 children.

8.1 sec. better than the time at Port Moresby in 1969.

Morgan-Morris is also running well in Nauru and, if he reaches peak form just at the right time, he could take the gold medal for Nauru in the 5,000 metres.

His time over the distance during an athletics match between Nauru and a GEIC team was 15 min. 57.5 sec., 3 min. 78.9 sec. in front of his team mate Karl Cabwea.

Nauru won all the events, both men's and women's athletics and also a tennis tournament.

Outstanding for Nauru were Tony Bowditch, holder of the Games 1,500 metres record, who won the 1,500 metres and the 800 metres; Nelu, winner of the 200 metres and 400 metres and Tawaieta, who won the women's 400 and 800 metres. Karakoa was GEIC's fastest man.

Fiji's swimming coach, Bob Kennedy, takes a dim view of the Games swimming programme. "It's too cramped", he complained.

What upset him was the fact that the Tahiti programme is almost identical to the 1966 programme about which Fiji complained. Not only have the complaints been ignored, but four relay heats have been added for the first time, and to make heats possible 10 teams are needed against only six at the last Games.

Early morning starts have also annoyed Fiji's coach. At the Port Moresby Games swimming started at 7 p.m. and the swimmers were able to lie in for a morning. At Tahiti, however, they'll have to be up for 9 a.m. starts.

Kennedy thought the planners had gone out of their way to limit the free time available to swimmers, who would be hard-pushed to see some of the other events. He also thought that, as the swimmers would be tired at the closing stages, it was too much to expect them to swim 800 and 1,500 metre finals right at the end.

"Overall, the programme is modelled too much on the Olympics", said Kennedy.

Fourteen territories will take part in the Games against 12 in the 1969 Games. Fiji will not be represented in three of the 17 sports—softball, rugby and cycling. Softball and cycling get little support in Fiji, which isn't the reason for the withdrawal from rugby. Where rugby is concerned, Fiji feels—and everyone agrees—that she is far too good for the other teams.

The number of sports each territory is competing in is: Cook Islands 10; Fiji 14; GEIC 2; Guam 13; Nauru 4; New Caledonia 14; New Hebrides 8; Papua New Guinea 13; French Polynesia 17; Solomon 6; American Samoa 6; Tonga 5; Wallis and Futuna



8. Western Samoa's entries were not known when the list was compiled.

Tonga sportsmen short of money

From a Nukualofa correspondent

Still in the red after the third South Pacific Games at Port Moresby in 1969, the Tonga Amateur Sports Association is scraping every seniti together to send a team of 15 to Tahiti for the fourth Games—and finding it a hard task.

The association feels that it doesn't get enough support for the good it does. Fiji has a Ministry of Sport and Recreation. Then why not Tonga? It's long overdue here to safeguard sport and recreation for the kingdom's youth. Most young Tongans find it hard enough to get a job. Surely they should not be deprived of their recreation as well!

Sports, athletics, football, basketball, swimming, cricket—all safety valves, all ways of letting off excess steam, but the association is finding it harder, as time goes on and living costs rise, to make ends meet. Fund raising for the association began in January, 1963, and since then four sports teams have been sent overseas, three to the Games and one to Western Samoa's celebrations in Apia. Up to June 30 this year, the association, with the aid of its affiliated bodies, had raised \$11,425.35 and over the same period the government has given grants totalling \$2,800. A loan of \$3,000 was obtained to get the third South Pacific Games team away.

Now, with the fourth Games only a short time away, the association is faced with the job of raising about \$6,000 to send our 15-strong team away. We will get the government grant of \$600 which leaves \$5,400 to be found. We are hoping the Miss Tonga contest will bring in enough to cover the balance but over the

next few years we have to find enough to repay the loan of \$3,000. With the government grant we can pay it off in five years, but that only leaves the association with its affiliation fees to run on, which will not be enough for normal expenses let alone sending a team to the fifth Games.

Turning from the sordid matters of money to the reason for the association's existence, we can report that the athletic team for the Games is coming along well, and all athletes should be able to turn in good performances.

Leading the field, of course, is Peni Tulipulotu, one of the stars of the last two Games. He is in the United States at present but is expected back early in August.

His main events will be 110 metre hurdles and 400 metre hurdles the Games record for which he holds. He has also asked to contest 100 metre, 200 metre and 400 metre.

Keta Tongi will enter for 100 metre, 200 metre, 100 metre hurdles, long jump and pentathlon. She is almost back to her best times and should again make her presence felt. Her younger sister Kailasi will be a second string to Keta in 100 metre and 200 metres. Kailasi is young but keeps on improving and should turn in good performances in Tahiti.

Big things are expected of Sanitesi Latu who went to the third South Pacific Games as a high jumper. In these Games he has been entered for 110 metre hurdles, high jump, long jump and decathlon.

The others that make up the team are untried against overseas opposition but it is hoped they will come up to expectations. Peauasi Hokinima is a middle distance runner and will be entered for 3,000 metres steeplechase and 5,000 metres. Sosifa Tokolahi will run in the 400 metres and 800 metres whilst Talitolu Ngaluafu has been entered for 100 metres, 200 metres, 400 metres and 400 metres hurdles.

The fact that Tonga boxers fought only moderately behind Fiji and the Samoas at Moresby is no reflection on the popularity of the sport in Tonga. The reverse is the case. The main troubles are the almost complete lack of training facilities and competent coaches, and the steady trickle of top amateurs into professional ranks.

Only one boxer in each division will go to Tahiti. They are, heavy-weight Moniti Fifita, light heavy-weight Villami Sovale, middleweight Ilaiti Longani, light middleweight Maile Peti, welterweight Asipeli Potauaine, light welterweight Solomon Namoa. Mr. Adolph Johansson is boxing manager.

Last-minute predictions for South Pacific Games

An outbreak of dengue, an acute virus disease transmitted by the bite of a certain mosquito, was causing concern to health officials in Tahiti in August — only a few weeks before the Fourth South Pacific Games were due to begin on the island on September 8.

The epidemic broke out in July, bringing fever, eruptions and severe pains in the joints to those unlucky enough to catch it.

A health and hygiene committee, comprising representatives of various public services, was due to meet on August 17 to decide what action should be taken against it.

At one stage there was talk of using a helicopter or small plane to spread insecticide to kill the disease-carrying mosquitoes. But this was held to be potentially dangerous in an urban area of the size of Papeete and a spraying campaign from the ground seemed likely.

Meanwhile, Tahiti's athletes who escaped the epidemic were training hard to bring themselves to top form for the Games; and championships held in late July and early August probably revealed most of the potential medal winners.

In men's athletics, the best prospects seemed to be sprinters Alexandre Aunoa and Jean Bourne, medium distance runner Michel Paille, and high jumper John Salmon. On the distaff side, Dominique Chaze seemed to have an excellent chance of winning a gold medal in the women's 200 metres after establishing a local record of 26.3s.; and Daniele Guyonnet seemed a certainty for a medal in the high jump when she came within half an inch of the South Pacific Games record for the event.

Because the Tahitians are generally lighter in build than islanders in the Western Pacific, their efforts in the events requiring great strength — discus, javelin and shot put — were generally well below the Games records, and they appeared to have little hope of matching their heavier opponents.

A number of local records were broken during the swimming championships; but the record-breaking swimmers still needed to improve

their times considerably to win medals at the Games.

The best performers in the French Polynesian championships are given below, with their winning times or distances. The South Pacific Games records for each event are shown in brackets.

Men's athletics—100 metres: Alexandre Aunoa, 10.8s. (10.6s.). 200 metres: Alexandre Aunoa, 22.8s. (21.8s.). 400 metres: Angelo Oliver, 52.6s. (48.8s.). 800 metres: Michel Paille, 2m. 2.7s. (1m. 57.3s.). 1,500 metres: Michel Paille, 4m. 18.3s. (4m. 7.9s.). 5,000 metres: Chasse (French serviceman), 16m. 50.8s. (15m. 44.8s.). 100 metres hurdles: John Salmon, 15.5s. (14.9s.). 400 metres hurdles: Jean Tetuanui, 1m. 0.2s. (53.6s.). discus: Fourcade, 116 ft 2½ in. (164 ft 9 in.). high jump: John Salmon, 6 ft 3 in. (6 ft 3 in.). javelin: Steven Vairarao, 193 ft 1½ in. (238 ft 8 in.). long jump: Emile Roche, 20 ft 2 in. (24 ft). pole vault: Bernard Balastre, 13 ft 2 in. (13 ft 10 in.). shot put: Gilles Maïtere, 42 ft 6 in. (58 ft 8½ in.). triple jump: Moïse Ebb, 37 ft 7 in. (48 ft 3 in.). 4 x 100 metres relay: Salmon, Lecaill, Aunoa, Maïrin, 45.4s. (42.5s.). 4 x 400 metres relay: Chavez, Levennois, Oliver, Randriansolo, 3m. 39.2s. (3m. 19.6s.).

Men's swimming—100 metres freestyle: Jean-Francois Meuel, 59.9s. (57.2s.). 100 metres butterfly: Jean-Francois Meuel, 1m. 10.4s. (1m. 7.6s.). 200 metres breaststroke: Freddy Hunter, 3m. 1.6s. (2m. 50.2s.). 1,500 metres freestyle: Denis Davio, 19m. 57.5s. (19m. 9s.).

Women's athletics—100 metres: Daniele Guyonnet, 12.9s. (12.2s.). 200 metres: Dominique Chaze, 26.3s., local record (25.3s.). 400 metres: Francoise Roche, 1m. 4s. (59.1s.). 800 metres: Francois Roche, 2m. 41.4s. (2m.

22.3s.). discus: Yvonne Tetuira, 93 ft 1 in. (135 ft 10 in.). high jump: Daniele Guyonnet, 5 ft 5 in. (5 ft 2 in.). javelin: Berthe Maestrali, 106 ft 6 in. (139 ft 9 in.). long jump: Yolande Temeharo, 16 ft 18 in. (18 ft 1 in.). shot put: Yvonne Tetuira, 33 ft 9 in. (40 ft).

Women's swimming—100 metres backstroke: Eleonora Brillant, 1m. 27s. (1m. 14.9s.). 100 metres freestyle: Temauata Tourneux, 1m. 9.9s. (1m. 4.9s.). 200 metres breaststroke: Olga Sanford, 3m. 26.5s. (3m. 9.7s.).

Below is a last-minute round-up of how the other territories think their teams will go, supplied by PIM correspondents around the Pacific.

Cook Islands—

Strongest hopes are for the boxers at all weights with possible medal winners Emile Emile, welter; George Robati, light-heavy; M. Tongia, light-middle; Vaka Rima, light; N. Upu, fly. The rugby team is hoping for a medal as are the women's indoor basketball team, the underwater fishing and table tennis teams.

Solomon Islands—

Third Games silver medallists George Lepping (long jump) and George Fafale (triple jump) are expected to bring medals home and hopes are high for newcomers Cecil Ono in the 1,000 metres and Morgan, whose latest best in the

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There are some medal winners among this bevy of Tahitian swimmers, a number of whom have been clocking good times. From left, back row, Olga Sanford, 'Lena' Brillant, Claude Carlson; (front row) Betty Goll, Maeva Lavigne and Temauata Tourneux.

Games predictions

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1,500 metres was only two seconds off the Games record. Girls are expected to succeed in long distance events especially Luisia Lakonia.

New Caledonia—

Champion territory in the third Games, New Caledonia is again hopeful of making a good show. Swimmers Marie Jose Kersaudy, who had seven golds, and Dolores Anewy, boxers N. Kaoutch Berlioz and Kaloi, tennis players Mrs Anne Marie Morault and N'Godrella Wanaro, are all expected to do well. Favourites in athletics are Wejieme, Kaddour, Lacabanne and Beer. As the French specialise in cycling and soccer, New Caledonia expects to have Tahiti as the only serious rival for medals in these sports. The judo team is also regarded as being strong.

Tonga—

With travel funds assured, Tonga has hopes of making a comparatively bigger impact with her boxers and athletes, the latter being a stronger team than in past Games. Once again the kingdom's hopes centre round record-holding hurdler Tuipulotu and women's pentathlon winner and holder of 80 metres hurdles record Keta Tongi.

Fiji—

Despite exclusion of Tamani, holder of the 400 metres and 800 metres records, through a foot injury, the dominion is fielding a strong athletic team with medal hopes pinned on Yavala, 400 and 200 metres, Sotutu, 3,000 metres steeplechase, Bula Tora, triple jump, hurdlers Saumatua and Gukilau and Miriama Kadavu, women's long jump gold medallist. Olive Pickering's exclusion is a blow to the women's swim team but it is still considered the strongest Fiji has yet entered with Lyndall Probert the most promising entrant. The table tennis team is considered the best Fiji has ever had.

New Hebrides—

Main hopes in the 21-strong athletic team are sprinter Charles Godden, although he's suffering from hamstring trouble, decathlon David Naupa, 400 metres hurdles Kanam, long jump and triple jump Jonas and Silas, women's javelin Leisale Mangawai, discus Didin and the 4 x 100 relay team. The soccer team is

Right, George Fanei, representing the BSIP as a light-welterweight at the Tahiti Games, gives a young Honiara boxer (left) a few tips.

Below, Miss Luisia Likonia, Honiara's Charity Queen in a contest which raised more than \$6,000 for the BSIP team.



fancied for a medal as is the women's basketball team, but the men's team is not considered very strong. Five tennis players should give a good account of themselves and among the six boxers hopes centre round lighter-weights Alexei and George Timity. Also in the team are six judo men, six cyclists and four golfers.

Papua New Guinea—

The team of 132—86 males and 45 females—is smaller than the team at the Port Moresby Games by 102 but its athletes are hoping for as many medals as were won at the last Games.

That, at least, is the guess of athletics team manager Jim Dunn. But it's a cautious guess. As Jim pointed out, not a great deal was known about the performances of competitors from other territories.

Athletics and basketball, each with 21 entries, have contributed the biggest teams followed by soccer with 18. There is one sport with a lone competitor—a cyclist.

The athletes are pinning their main hopes on Salitia Pipit, their woman 800 metres star and gold medal winner at Port Moresby, and swimmer Nigel Cluer, four times gold medallist in the third Games.

Team managers in tennis, basketball, weightlifting, golf and yachting are all confident that their charges will match their previous performances.

American Samoa—

Boxing is American Samoa's strong point. Of the 10 boxers Vea Atimala in the heavy-weight class and Fetu Nuuvali in the middleweight are likely gold medal winners. The territory can also expect at least four more gold medals in boxing.

Western Samoa—

Is particularly strong in boxing and weightlifting and expects the 11



boxers covering every category to win at least six gold medals. Middleweight lifter Paul Wallwork is certain to win a gold with three other possible winners in the team of seven. The rugby team could win a gold and there are possible golds in yachting and the decathlon.

GEIC—

With only a small contingent, the colony is not expecting medals. It is strongest in tennis and hopes to reach the semi-finals. Team manager Mori Garbutt has been training for the 5,000 metres, the 10,000 metre and marathon but is not expecting a medal.

Nauru—

Is represented by a softball team only.

Delightful girls + perfect weather + friendly Tahiti = magnificent South Pacific Games

By *STUART INDER*, who was in Papeete for the Games.

They descended on Tahiti from across the seas like the laden war canoes of old, and they went home in peace, honours piled about their necks, glowing from the warmth of their welcome. That, in a lyrical sentence, was the Fourth South Pacific Games held in Papeete during 10 days in September.

In the sporting arena the debris of broken records was strewn from one end to the other, as one would expect in these days of dramatic improvement in sporting times. But in the wider sphere of the Games as a social success, French Polynesia wins PIM's gold medal for having staged the most successful Games of any of the four-held.

No territory has gone more out of its way to do the right thing than Tahiti. No territory tried harder to put things right when they went wrong, and without favour, than Tahiti.

The inevitable complaints associated with the management of any big international sporting event are insignificant when put against the wider picture of what Tahiti managed to achieve in staging the Fourth Games.

The weather was perfect, the locale beautiful, the girls delightful and the men young gods.

I can't find words of greater praise than that.

More than 1,200 young men and women, plus another 300 team officials and visiting judges and a huge Press corps, made Papeete a traffic and crowd-congested, colourful cosmopolitan city.

They saw it at its best, for heavy expenditure on improvements in recent years, particularly on waterfront reclamation and the provision of a superb marine drive and new government buildings, has made Papeete into the most beautiful of all Island capitals.

This magnificent aerial photograph by Papeete photographer A. Sylvain shows the opening ceremony of the Games, held in the main stadium against a spectacular backdrop of Tahiti's mountains. At right, this Tahitian was part of the Games too. Running with a heavy load of fruit over the shoulder is a traditional Tahiti competitive sport (another is hurling spears at a coconut on a high pole) and there was a colourful demonstration of traditional games at the closing ceremony.

It cost the French 70 million French Pacific francs (100 francs is roughly worth about \$1 Australian) to operate the Games—plus about 260-million in capital investment.

This capital investment comprised about 130-million for the fine new Olympic stadium (seen opposite), 65-million for the Olympic swimming pool on reclaimed land, another 65-million for the modernisation of the Fautaua stadium complex. The Olympic stadium and pool were jointly financed by the French metropolitan government and French Polynesia.

Of the 70-million operating expenses, the local legislature provided about 20-million. Four local lotteries raised about 10-million, another 10-million was expected to come from the sale of tickets. Other returns will come from film rights and the CFP350 per day charged competitors and officials to offset food costs.

Both on and off the field there were incidents, of course.

The most celebrated was allegedly "Brown Power" at work in the judo hall, but it was really some of the judo exponents showing their non-political displeasure (see p. 34). For a while it looked as if the Guamanians, who were at the bottom of the protest, had so incensed their hosts that they may have thrown away their chance of staging the next Games.

Western Samoa, in fact, took the last-minute opportunity of making an application for the next Games, but was out of court on a technicality (not having given sufficient notice under the rules), so the Fifth Games

will be in Guam—in 1975. The date was fixed to avoid conflict with both the Olympics and the Commonwealth Games.

There were some stone and bottle throwing incidents, one of them, involving the American Samoans and Fijians, quite serious, with some injuries on the Fiji side. This was a midnight battle, started by the American Samoans, and allegedly left over from some trouble in Port Moresby in 1969.

The Fijians were instructed not to retaliate—quite a request when you consider the Fijians' warlike reputation—and both the police and the Foreign Legion were called out. I had a South Seas ending—over the kava bowl the next day in the men's village, when apologies were offered and accepted, and the teams shook hands.

Then, when just about everybody had gone home, the Tahiti news papers were filled with the story of the arrest of two so-called athletes for having drugs in their possession and the police search of the men's village.

Two Guam men were in fact charged—one man got one month's suspended gaol sentence and a fine of CFP30,000, and the other three months' suspended sentence and CFP15,000. But neither was a Games competitor, both had come along as team supporters, paying their own fares.

- A full summary of the Games events, with all results, begins on page 28.



HOW THEY DID AT THE GAMES

A study of the athletics results will show that New Caledonia continues to dominate the throwing and jumping events at the South Pacific Games, with Caledonians taking place after place in both men's and women's events. Although in Papeete they also provided the fastest man—Joseph Wejieme, who took the 100 metres in 10.7s—the track events are still nevertheless the preserve of Fiji and Papua New Guinea, with Tonga making a strong claim.

A feature of the athletics events at this Games was the way in which French Polynesia improved, with an attractive girl runner named Daniele Guyonnet beginning to do for the women's events what Jean Bourne has done for so long, and continued to do at Papeete, for men's athletics.

The athletics field provided Fiji with no less than 20 of its 46 medals, 10 of them gold. It provided PNG with 30 of its 77 medals, six of them gold, and it gave Tonga six of its 11 medals, three of them gold.

Compare these performances on

CALEDONIANS DOMINATE FIELD EVENTS

track and field with those of the mighty New Caledonia, which captured only 24 of its 92 medals there, 10 of them gold, even taking into account its strength in the field events. New Caledonia boosted its enormous medal tally in the swimming pool, where a tiny group of swimmers took no less than 31 medals, nine of them gold.

The athletics field is still a place for the smaller territories to shine, and there were some shining performances from them in Papeete.

The little Solomons got three girls into the finals of the 800 metres run, and took second and third, Lucia Likonia and Elizabeth Tito. They are sisters, from Malaita, aged 19 and 11—yes, 11—and the October

issue of PIM showed Lucia being crowned Miss Charity Queen of the Solomons.

As Charity Queen she raised \$6,000 of the \$18,000 it took to get the small BSIP team of 24 to the Games. Even that wasn't enough, as the team had to cut short its stay and go home before the money ran out.

Lucia Likonia also took the bronze in the 1,500 metres, with two other Solomons girls fourth and fifth. She just missed a bronze in the 400 metres.

Perseverance paid off for Tonga's Peni Tuipulotu, who set a record for the 400 metres hurdles in Noumea, 1966, equalled it in Port Moresby in 1969 and finally broke it convincingly at Papeete.

Record breaking was a feature of the track and field events at Papeete. Out of 22 events in men's athletics, no less than 17 of them were new records. As one coach lamented, "It's no use using previous Games' times as your training yardstick—that's only false security. You've got to assume dramatic increases in performances will occur in the meantime—and even then you will badly underestimate them."

One looks back at the highlights. There was, for instance, the sensation of the men's 4 x 100 relay, when French Polynesia and Fiji fought for first place, with Fiji running the last leg well behind. Fiji's Tony Moore caught Charles Tetaria on the home straight, making up almost seven yards, so that both men crossed the line neck and neck. Immediately after, Tetaria threw down his baton with apparent disgust at having just been beaten.

But it was a photo finish, and when after a long delay the photo appeared, the French Polynesians got the gold. The time was the same, and the difference must have been only in hundredths of a second.

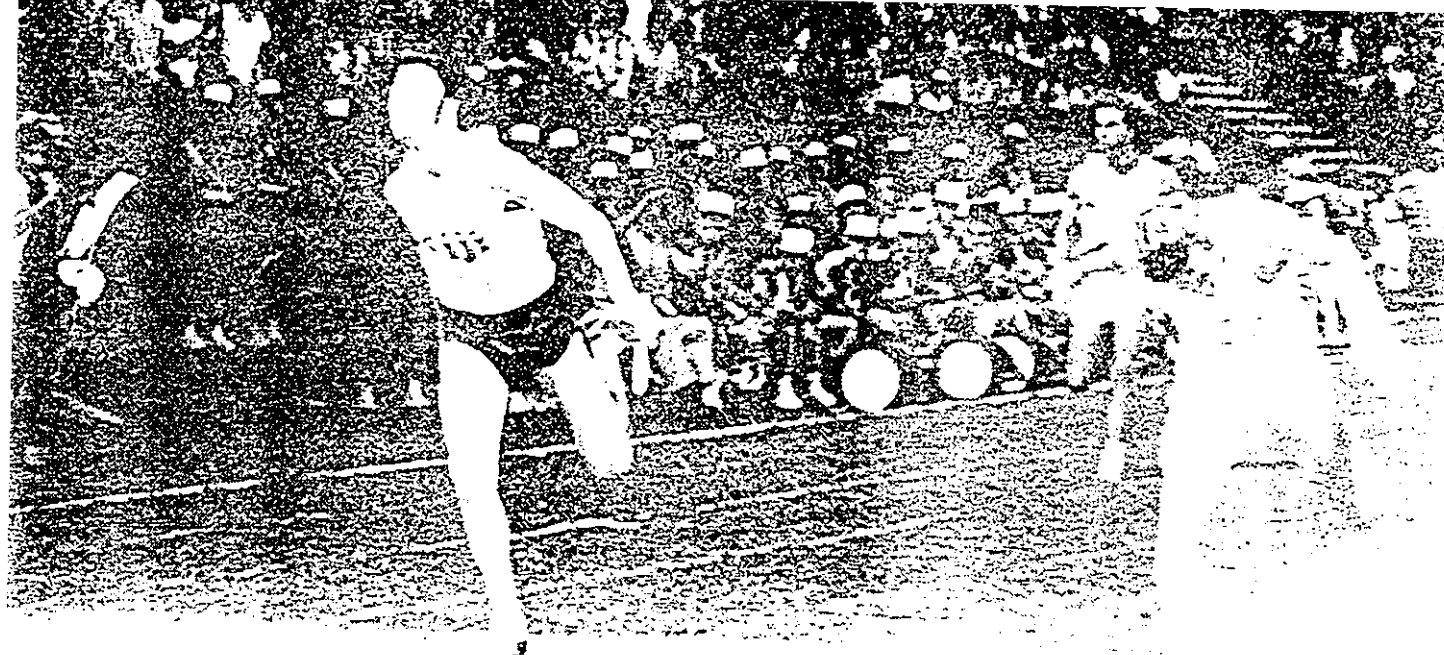
And Usaia Sotutu, of Fiji, proved

Scoreboard at a glance

Only two of the 14 territories represented at the Fourth South Pacific Games at Papeete went home without a medal. They were the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony and the Republic of Nauru. The GEIC never has had much luck. It won a silver and a bronze in Suva in 1963, nothing in Noumea in 1967, and did not take part at Port Moresby in 1969. Nauru won nothing in Suva but didn't do badly in Noumea or Port Moresby. But its contingent at the last minute was cut to only a softball team for Papeete, and thus it obviously lost opportunities for more medals.

Details of the medals won are given below. The points score is unofficial, and it is compiled on the basis of three points for a gold medal, two for a silver and one for a bronze.

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Points
New Caledonia	33	32	27	190
Papua New Guinea	28	28	21	161
French Polynesia	22	24	24	138
Fiji	16	17	13	95
Western Samoa	9	3	5	38
Guam	3	3	8	23
Tonga	4	3	4	22
American Samoa	—	2	12	16
Wallis and Futuna	2	1	6	14
Solomons	—	2	2	6
New Hebrides	—	1	4	6
Cook Islands	—	1	3	5
Gilbert and Ellice Islands	—	—	—	—
Nauru	—	—	—	—



yet again that he's approaching world standard by taking triple long-distance honours in the 5,000 and 10,000 metres, and the 3,000 metre steeplechase—all in record times. This was a hat trick he wanted.

But those who were there for his triumph will recall the picture of the 15-year-old Papuan, Ala Loi, unheard of until these Games, who ran behind the great Fijian, literally dogging Sotutu's heels in each of those three long distance races—bringing home two silvers and a bronze for his persistence and stamina.

Much impressed, Sotutu would like to arrange for the Papuan to get the kind of college scholarship he himself has (in the United States), so he can improve on his natural ability.

Ala, who will be 16 on December 3, and who is doing a course at a

Thrilling photo finish to the 4 x 100 relay, with Tony Moore of Fiji and French Polynesia's Charles Tetaria on the line together. It was Tetaria by a nose.

Port Moresby technical college, started running seriously only last year and says he loves running "and hopes to become a really good long-distance runner". For the experience, he also entered the marathon and came a commendable seventh out of 12 who finished it (a number abandoned it).

New Guinea's 19-year-old Salatia Pipit, who is at teachers' training college, covered herself with glory and was voted outstanding woman

athlete at the Games. As an example of her stamina, on one occasion she ran in the semi-final of the 200 metres, five minutes later ran in the heat of the 800 metres, and an hour afterwards won the final of the 200 metres.

There was a feverish "wog" going around (it had already decimated Tahiti before the Games contestants arrived), which affected times in many events and put some contestants out altogether.

Tonga's star, 24-year-old Keta Iongi, virtually finished three days ahead of time because of illness, and others, such as Peni Tuipulotu, had spells in hospital.

Pictured left, Papua's young distance runner, Ala Loi.

Solomons' Charity Queen, Lucia Likonia (left) and PNG's Salatia Pipit, on the victory dais with their silver and gold medals for the 800 metres. Lucia's little sister took the bronze.

