

**1975
South
Pacific
Games
Results**

Guam

1975 *Fifth South Pacific Games, Guam*

Handwritten: 1975-1976

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	TOTAL
New Caledonia	37	31	34	102
French Polynesia	27	28	39	94
PNG	22	25	18	65
Fiji	13	13	11	37
Western Samoa	9	4	5	18
Guam	3	5	5	13
American Samoa	3	4	5	12
Wallis & Futuna	1	2	8	11
New Hebrides	1	3	4	8
Cook Islands	-	1	4	5
Gilbert & Ellis	-	-	-	-
Nauru	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	116	116	133	365

RESULTS OF THE 1975 GAMES

Men's Athletics

100 Metres: 1—J. Marou (Sol) 11.05s. 2—J. Wejteme (NC) 11.06s. 3—K. Bourne (FrP) 11.10s. Record: J. Pothin (NC) 10.6s. Suva, 1963.

200 metres: 1—J. Wejteme (NC) 21.70s. 2—J. Bourne (FrP) 22.11s. 3—J. Marou (Sol) 22.18s. Record: J. Bourne (FrP) 21.60s. in semi-final, Tahiti, 1971.

400 Metres: 1—W. Kali (PNG) 48.91s. 2—V. Wale (Sol) 49.9s. 3—Y. Blanc (NC) 50.13s. Record: S. Yavala (Fiji) 47.8s. Tahiti, 1971.

800 Metres: 1—R. Kermode (Fiji) 1m. 57.33s. 2—W. Hoffagao (PNG) 1 m. 58.77s. 3—A. Julien (NC) 1m. 59.06s. Record: P. John (PNG) 1m. 54.1s. Tahiti, 1971.

1,500 Metres: 1—U. Sotutu (Fiji) 4m. 4.41s. (new Games record). 2—W. Hoffagao (PNG) 4 m. 4.74s. (also under old record). 3—T. Corke (PNG) 4m. 5.98s.

5,000 Metres: 1—J. Kokinal (PNG) 15m. 1.2s. (new Games record). 2—M. Joyce (PNG) 15m. 15.2s. 3—A. Lazare (NC) 15m. 16.2s.

10,000 Metres: 1—J. Kokinal (PNG) 32m. 1s. (new Games record). 2—A. Lazare (NC) 32m. 25s. 3—U. Sotutu (Fiji) 32m. 58s.

110 Metres Hurdles: 1—S. Latu (Tonga) 15.4s. 2—T. Tuva (Fiji) 15.55s. 3—I. Pamoia (PNG) 15.85s. Record: P. Tuipolutu (Tonga) 14.6s. Tahiti, 1971.

400 Metres Hurdles: 1—J. Rodan (Fiji) 54.7s. 2—H. Brilliant (FrP) 55.60s. 3—M. Blamere (NC) 55.69s. Record: P. Tuipolutu (Tonga) 52.9s. Tahiti, 1971.

4 x 100 Metres Relay: 1—NC 42.09s. 2—Sol 42.46s. 3—FrP 42.48s. Record: FrP 41.8s. Tahiti, 1971.

4 x 400 Metres Relay: 1—NC 3m. 23.63s. 2—Fiji 3—Sol. Record: Fiji 3m. 18.5s. Tahiti, 1971.

3,000 Metres Steeplechase: 1—J. Kokinal (PNG) 9m. 29.4s. 2—U. Sotutu (Fiji) 9m. 51.4s. 3—M. Guepy (NC) 10m. 25.3s. Record: U. Sotutu (Fiji) 9m. 24s. Tahiti, 1971.

Discus: 1—A. Beer (NC) 48.30m. 2—M. Bone (NC) 46.88m. 3—J-C. Duhaze (FrP) 40.70m. Record: A. Beer (NC) 50.22m. Port Moresby, 1969.

Hammer: 1—M. Bone (NC) 46.7m. 2—A. Beer (NC) 43.66m. 3—J-C. Duhaze (FrP) 37.5m. Record: M. Bone (NC) 48.38m. Tahiti, 1971.

High Jump: 1—C. Poaniewa (NC) 2.10m. (new Games record). 2—P. Poaniewa (NC) 2.08m. (also over old record). 3—P. Leon-tieff (FrP) 1.98m.

Javelin: 1—L. Tuifa (W&F) 73.2m (new Games record). 2—L. Tutul (W&F) 70.28m. 3—S. Vairaaroa (FrP) 65.20m.

Long Jump: 1—A. Moore jr (Fiji) 7.36m. (new Games record). 2—E. Belenquez (NC) 6.86m. 3—E. Iewago (PNG) 6.84m.

Pole Vault: 1—P. Larue (NC) 4m. 2—S. Drollet (FrP) 3.80m. 3—O. D'almeida (NC) 3.80m. Record: S. Drollet (FrP) 4.40m. Tahiti, 1971.

Shot Put: 1—A. Beer (NC) 18.07m. (equalled his own record at Tahiti, 1971). 2—M. Bone (NC) 15.99m. 3—J-C. Duhaze (FrP) 15.87m.

Triple Jump: 1—Y. Talon (NC) 15.42m. (new Games record). 2—C. Poaniewa (NC) 14.74m. 3—T. Bula (Fiji) 14.72m.

Decathlon: 1—S. Latu (Tonga) 6,169 pts. 2—A. Latu (Tonga) 3—B. Tora (Fiji). Record: C. Tetaria (FrP) 6,556 pts. Tahiti, 1971.

Marathon: 1—A. Lazare (NC) 2hr. 36m. 32s. (new Games record). 2—J. Kokinal (PNG) 2hrs. 37m. 19s. 3—Y. Mogia (NC) 2hrs. 44m. 25s.

Women's Athletics

100 Metres: 1—M. Chambault (Fiji) 12.63s. (new Games record in heat of 12.3s.). 2—G. Delplane (NE) 12.68s. 3—B. Hardel (NC) 12.85s.

200 Metres: 1—M. Chambault (Fiji) 25.74s. 2—G. Delplane (NE) 25.74s. 3—B. Hardel (NC). Photo-finish decision for first place. Record: T. Varo (Fiji) 25.3s. Suva, 1963.

400 Metres: 1—B. Hardel (NC) 58.51s. 2—M. Liku (Fiji) 59.06s. 3—A. Tefana (FrP) 59.88s. Record: S. Pipit (PNG) 58.1s. Tahiti, 1971.

800 Metres: 1—M. Liku (Fiji) 2m. 20.85s. (new Games record). 2—R. Radinbega (Fiji) 2m. 21.37s. 3—M. Kaida (PNG) 2m. 37s. (photo-finish decision).

1,500 Metres: 1—R. Radinbega (Fiji) 4m. 56.96s. (new Games record). 2—M. Kaida (PNG). 3—M. Liku (Fiji).

100 Metres Hurdles: 1—D. Guyonnet (FrP) 14.96s. (new Games record). 2—M. Chambault (Fiji) 15.04s. 3—N. Taraingal (PNG) 16.13s.

4 x 100 Metres Relay: 1—FrP (L. Bernardino, A. Tefana, D. Guyonnet, T. Bennette) 49.5s. (new Games record of 49.23s. set in first heat by FrP). 2—Fiji 49.82s. 3—New Hebrides 50s.

High Jump: 1—D. Guyonnet (FrP) 1.78m. (new Games record). 2—J. Tell-Riquet (NE) 1.51m. 3—M. Chambault (Fiji) 1.45m.

Long Jump: 1—M. Chambault (Fiji) 18.5m. (new Games record). 2—E. Ramoa (Fiji). 3—D. Guyonnet (FrP).

Discus: 1—L. Bola (Fiji) 34.02m. 2—M. C. Tchibaou (NC) 33.5m. 3—M. Vibose (Fiji) 32.48m. Record: K. Lax (Nauru) 42.32m. Noumea, 1966.

Javelin: 1—M. Vibose (Fiji) 44.32m. (new Games record). 2—G. Paouro (NC) 43.16m. (also over old record). 3—M. Poaniewa (NC) 41.38m.

Shot Put: 1—G. Paouro (NC) 35.6m. 2—M. Tchibaou (NC). 3—G. Delplane (NE). Record: M. C. Wetta (NC) 12.60m. Tahiti, 1971.

Pentathlon: 1—D. Guyonnet (FrP) 3,703 pts. 2—M. Chambault (Fiji) 3,673 pts. 3—E. Ramoa (Fiji) 2,733 pts. Record: K. Longi (Tonga) 3,801 pts. Port Moresby, 1969.

Men's Swimming

100 Metres Freestyle: 1—C. Martin (PNG) 56.71s. (new Games record), 2—R. Chapman (FrP) 57.19s. 3—C. Ceran (FrP) 57.77s.

200 Metres Freestyle: 1—Henry Noble (FrP) 2m. 4.38s. (new Games record). 2—

C. Martin (PNG) 2m. 4.71s. 3—R. Chapman (FrP) 2m. 5.94s.

400 Metres Freestyle: 1—H. Noble (FrP) 4m. 28.58s. (new Games record). 2—M. Hutchings (PNG) 4m. 34.89s. 3—E. Verlaquet (NC) 4m. 37.81s.

1,600 Metres Freestyle: 1—M. Hutchings (PNG) 18m. 16.10s. 2—E. Verlaquet (NC) 18m. 24.11s. 3—H. Noble (FrP) 18m. 42.31s. Record: C. Martin (PNG) 18m. 12.9s. Tahiti 1971.

100 Metres Backstroke: 1—C. Martin (PNG) 1m. 3.12s. (new Games record). 2—H. Noble (FrP) 1m. 4.47s. 3—C. Ceran (FrP) 1m. 10.34s.

100 Metres Breaststroke (new event): 1—F. Hunter (FrP) 1m. 15.70s. 2—G. Burke (Guam) 1m. 16.06s. 3—O. Mol (PNG) 1m. 16.30s.

200 Metres Breaststroke: 1—F. Hunter (FrP) 2m. 48.12s. 2—Donald Martin (PNG) 2m. 48.20s. 3—G. Burke (Guam) 2m. 49.54s. Record: N. Cluer (PNG) 2 m. 41.5s. Tahiti 1971.

100 Metres Butterfly: 1—C. Martin (PNG) 1m. 0.33s. (new Games record). 2—A. Mouren (NC) 1m. 3.73s. 3—D. Martin (PNG) 1m. 4.84s.

200 Metres Individual Medley: 1—C. Martin (PNG) 2m. 21.29s. (new Games record). 2—R. Chapman (FrP) 2m. 23.64s. 3—M. Hutchings (PNG) 2m. 28.32s.

4 x 100 Metres Medley Relay: 1—FrP (H. Noble, A. Yvon, R. Chapman, C. Ceran) 4m. 24.82s. (new Games record). 2—PNG (C. Martin, D. Martin, M. Hutchings, O. Mol) 4. 27.44s. (also under old record). 3—NC (M. Abbott, J. Daly, P. LeGras, A. Mouren) 4m. 36.60s.

4 x 100 Metres Freestyle Relay: 1—FrP 3m. 48.59s. (new Games record). 2—PNG 3m. 53.68s. 3—NC 3m. 59.94s.

4 x 200 Metres Freestyle (new event): 1—FrP (R. Chapman, C. Ceran, K. Noble, H. Noble) 8m. 34.61s. 2—PNG (C. Martin, O. Mol, D. Martin, M. Hutchings) 8m. 44.94s. 3—NC (S. Bertinetti, A. Mouren, P. Legras, E. Verlaquet) 8m. 55.28s.

Women's Swimming

100 Metres Freestyle: 1—M. Lavigne (FrP) 1m. 4.63s. (new Games record). 2—D. MauSSION (NC) 1m. 4.64s. (also under old record). 3—L. Fisher (Fiji) 1m. 5.89s.

200 Metres Freestyle: 1—Y. Saminadin (NC) 2m. 18.58s. (new Games record). 2—M. Lavigne (FrP) 2m. 20.23s. 3—C. Bernanos (NC) 2m. 21.19s.

400 Metres Freestyle: 1—Y. Saminadin (NC) 4m. 51.41s. (new Games record). 2—P. LeGras (NC) 4m. 53.69s. 3—D. MauSSION (NC) 5m. 5.97s.

800 Metres Freestyle: 1—Y. Saminadin (NC) 9m. 48.20s. (new Games record). 2—P. LeGras (NC) 10m. 14.74s. 3—D. MauSSION (NC) 10m. 29.04s.

100 Metres Butterfly: 1—D. MauSSION (NC) 1m. 13.14s. (new Games record). 2—L. Moyle (PNG) 1m. 14.91s. 3—M. Lavigne (FrP) 1m. 15.37s.

100 Metres Backstroke: 1—M. Lavigne (FrP) 1m. 14.16s. (new Games record). 2—V. Copenrath (FrP) 1m. 14.98s. 3—Y. Saminadin (NC) 1m. 16.54s.

200 Metres Individual Medley: 1—L. Moyle (PNG) 2m. 39.58s. (new Games record). 2—D. MauSSION (NC) 2m. 41.62s. 3—P. LeGras (NC) 2m. 43.87s.

200 Metres Breaststroke: 1—P. LeGras (NC) 3m. 0.65s. (new Games record). 2—L. Moyle (PNG) 3m. 9.55s. 3—J. Kohanke (PNG) 3m. 12.79s.

4 x 100 Metres Medley Relay: 1—NC (D. MauSSION, P. LeGras, Y. Saminadin, C. Bernanos) 5m. 2s. (new Games record). 2—FrP (M. Lavigne, H. Teaha, N. Gulleminot, T. Tournoux) 5m. 5.96s. 3—PNG (K.



Antoine, J. Kohnke, L. Moyle, F. Mooney) 5m. 19.78s.

4 x 100 Metres Freestyle Relay: 1—NC 4m. 26.22s. (new Games record). 2—FrP 4m. 26.69s. (also under old record). 3—PNG 4m. 33.98s.

100 Metres Breaststroke (new event): 1—P. LeGras (NC) 1m. 24.01s. 2—L. Moyle (PNG) 1m. 26.66s. 3—H. Teaha (FrP) 1m. 29.75s.

4 x 200 Metres Freestyle Relay (new event): 1—NC (D. Maussion, C. Bernanos, P. LeGras, Y. Saminadin) 9m. 32.03s. 2—PNG (F. Mooney, J. Kohnke, L. Moyle, K. Antoine) 9 m. 57.29s. 3—FrP (M. Lavigne, V. Copenrath, M. Gulleminot, M. Froger) 10m. 8.75s.

Golf

Men's Individual: 1—J. Keating (PNG) 317 strokes. 2—G. Fennell (PNG) 323 strokes. 3—F. Frame (PNG) 324 strokes.

Women's Individual: 1—L. Trevena (PNG) 357 strokes. 2—J. King (Guam) 359 strokes. 3—T. Bres (FrP) 378 strokes.

Men's Teams: 1—PNG 964 strokes. 2—Guam 1007 strokes. 3—Fiji 1020 strokes.

Women's teams: 1—PNG 724 strokes. 2—Guam 776 strokes. 3—FrP 776 strokes, after play-off over 18 holes, Guam winning by 2 strokes.

Spearfishing

Teams: 1—FrP. 170,550 pts. 2—NC, 83,450 pts. 3—Wallis, 35,300 pts.

Individuals: 1—F. Nanai (FrP) 72,300 pts. 2—G. Ateo (FrP) 54,750 pts. 3—M. Ateo (FrP) 43,200 pts.

Fishermen are awarded points for each fish caught and for the weight of the catch.

Weightlifting

Flyweight: 1—E. Seeto (PNG) 170 kg. 2—S. Niatou (NC) 162.5 kg. R. Massin (FrP) 155 kg.

Bantamweight: 1—B. Leungwai (WS) 187.5 kg. 2—A. Pale (WS) 187.5 kg. 3—S. Gutuhau (NC) 187.5 kg.

Featherweight: 1—S. Oka (PNG) 187.5 kg. 2—A. Agoun (M) 175 kg. 3—A. Leungwai (WS) 170 kg.

Lightweight: 1—G. Hui (PNG) 222.5 kg. 2—V. Ulla (WS) 210 kg. 3—A. Goxe (NC) 192.5 kg.

Middleweight: 1—M. Tal'i (WS) 237.5 kg. 2—A. Cheung (FrP) 220 kg. 3—J. Bota (NC) 205 kg.

Light Heavyweight: 1—S. Petelo (WS) 252.5 kg. 2—M. Mexico (PNG) 215 kg. 3—F. Selefen (NC) 207.5 kg.

Heavyweight: 1—O. Ahsue (WS) 269 kg. 2—M. Bone (NC) 240 kg. 3—E. Teururai (FrP) 215 kg.

Super-Heavyweight: 1—V. Masoe (WS) 290 kg. 2—A. Beer (NC) 265 kg. 3—P. Tahai (FrP) 200 kg.

Middle-Heavyweight: 1—P. Wallwork (WS) 270 kg. 2—F. Romanu (Fiji) 240 kg. 3—A. Pihataros (FrP) 237.5 kg.

As the press had been eliminated from the competition, all winners created new records.

Boxing

Light Flyweight: 1—C. Faafetai (WS). 2—Z. Yarawa (PNG). 3—T. Vila (FrP).

Flyweight: 1—P. Malo (WS). 2—J. Eki (PNG). 3—J. Veloria (Guam) and J. Wayuo (NC).

Bantamweight: 1—T. Sogolik (PNG). 2—M. Ie (FrP). 3—Kavaana (WS) and P. Taala (AS).

Featherweight: 1—J. Aba (PNG). 2—E. Smith (NC). 3—T. Samasoni (WS) and V. Tarika (Fiji).

Lightweight: 1—S. Leo (AS). 2—S. Vel (Fiji). 3—A. Tanji (Guam) and S. Lealifano (WS).

Light Welterweight: 1—V. Papau (WS). 2—V. Meredith (AS). 3—M. Apai (PNG) and Tufele (W&F).

Welterweight: 1—P. Ka/ng (NH). 2—S. Malo (WS). 3—P. Fiatau (AS) and M. Tuataane (W&F).

Light Middleweight: 1—S. Tanoa (AS). 2—S. Ratu (Fiji). 3—M. Nako (NH) and Tutlapta (WS).

Middleweight: 1—R. Nebayes (NC). 2—V. Utufui (WS). 3—S. Togafau (AS) and D. Larry (PNG).

Light Heavyweight: 1—N. Fetu (AS). 2—B. Timo (Fiji). 3—K. Henderson (NH).

Heavyweight: 1—V. Fafoa (NC). 2—S. Pelo (W&F). 3—M. Nena (FrP).

Archery

Individuals: 1—D. Smith (PNG) 2,102 pts. 2—E. Shan (FrP) 2,071 pts. 3—K. Winchcombe (PNG) 2,059 pts.

Team: 1—FrP 5,935 pts. 2—PNG 5,866 pts. 3—Guam 5,409 pts.

Judo

Lightweight: 1—J-F. Juan (FrP). 2—F. Alighieri (NC). 3—P. Francois (NC) and G. Liu (FrP).

Light Middleweight: 1—P. Lecomte (NC). 2—A. Vandange (NC). 3—P. Ng-Too (FrP) and R. Rota (FrP).

Middleweight: 1—P. Briand (NC). 2—A. Grieg (FrP). 3—P. Takakore (FrP) and J-P Sauray (NC).

Light Heavyweight: 1—J-L. Audiferen (NC). 2—D. Briand (NC). 3—B. Lopin (FrP) and P. Tapoto (FrP).

Heavyweight: 1—L. Jacquot (NC). 2—T. Letullgasenoa (AS). 3—T. Hoatua (FrP).

Open: 1—J-L. Audiferen (NC). 2—B. Lopin (FrP). 3—T. Letullgasenoa (AS) and L. Jacquot (NC).

Table Tennis

Men's team: 1—FrP. 2—NC. 3—PNG. Women's team: 1—Fiji. 2—FrP. 3—NC.

Men's Singles: 1—V. Lau (FrP). 2—F. L. Kui (FrP). 3—H. Wo (NC).

Men's Doubles: 1—V. Lau-P. L. Kui (FrP). 2—R. Strelan-S. Zial (PNG). 3—C. Sue-P. Loussan (FrP).

Women's Singles: 1—A. Jacquet (FrP). 2—L. Trafton (FrP). 3—M. Ali (NC).

Women's Doubles: 1—L. Naivalulevu-A. Renner (Fiji). 2—L. Trafton-A. Jacquet (FrP). 3—M. Ali-S. Song (NC).

Mixed Doubles: 1—V. Lau-L. Trafton (FrP). 2—F. Wu-S. Song (NC). 3—F. L. Kui-A. Jacquet (FrP).

Cycling

120km. Road Race: 1—L. Dubois (NC) 3hr. 25m. 10s. 2—K. Boosie (FrP) 3hr.

29m. 51s. 3—E. Duffieux (NC) 3hr. 31m. 42s.

7km. Team Trial: 1—NC 1hr. 29m. 30s. 2—FrP 1hr. 30m. 12s. 3—Wallis & Futuna, 1hr. 36m. 50s.

Sprint Scratch Race: 1—M. B. Dupont (FrP). 2—V. Raoux (FrP). 3—J. Testard (NC).

1km. Time Trial: 1—J. Testard (NC) 1m. 10.9s. 2—V. Raoux (FrP) 1m. 12.4s. 3—A. Lutafu (W&F) 1m. 13.2s.

4km. Pursuit: 1—D. Cornaille (NC) 5m. 59s. 2—M. Hellemon (FrP) 6m. 10s. 3—S. Latuva (W&F) 7m. 29.2s.

4km. Team Olympic Pursuit: 1—NC 6m. 10.5s. 2—FrP 6m. 13.3s. 3—Wallis & Futuna 6m. 42.3s.

Tennis

Men's Singles: 1—G. Winter (NC). 2—P. Laharrague (FrP). 3—S. S. Heo (FrP).

Men's Doubles: 1—PNG. 2—AS. Women's Singles: 1—V. Vanaa (FrP). 2—A.M. Morault (NC). 3—L. Branch (PNG).

Women's Doubles: 1—NC. 2—PNG. 3—FrP.

Mixed Doubles: 1—FrP. 2—NC. The matches of opportunity men's and women's teams, and the play-off in the doubles for bronze between Fiji-FrP (men's doubles) and between Guam-PNG (mixed doubles) cancelled because of rain, but Guam and PNG were given bronzes.

Yachting

1—P. Drips (Guam) lost 19.7 pts. 2—K. Read (PNG) 30.4 pts. 3—B. Gardiner (Fiji) 37.7 pts. Decided on Olympic system of 0 points for a first, with best six out of seven races.

Women's Team Sports

Softball: 1—PNG. 2—Guam. 3—Nauru.

Basketball: 1—FrP. 2—PNG. 3—NC.

Volleyball: 1—NC. 2—FrP. 3—W&F.

Men's Team Sports

Soccer: 1—FrP. 2—NC. 3—SOL.

Baseball: 1—Guam. 2—AS. 3—NC.

Volleyball: 1—NC. 2—FrP. 3—AS.

Softball: 1—Guam. 2—M. 3—PNG.

SCOREBOARD AT A GLANCE

Thirteen territories took part in the Fifth South Pacific Games, one less territory than at the Fourth Games in Tahiti in 1971. GEIC and the Cook Islands didn't appear this time but Micronesia were newcomers.

Two teams, GEIC and Nauru, failed to lift any medals in 1971, but no team went home from Guam without at least one medal. Almost at the last minute Nauru, which fielded its largest team ever, won a bronze, an event hailed with delight by everyone. The bronze was won by the women's softball team, the members of which were cheered as if they had taken a bunch of gold medals.

The medal count is given below. It is not an official listing (official communications dried up before the athletics ended in heavy rain on the Saturday night). The points score in the fourth column has been compiled by PIM on the basis of allocating three points for a gold, two for a silver and one for a bronze.

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	POINTS
New Caledonia	37	31	34	207
French Polynesia	27	28	39	176
Papua New Guinea	22	25	18	134
Fiji	13	13	11	76
Western Samoa	9	4	5	40
Guam	3	5	5	24
American Samoa	3	4	5	22
Wallis & Futuna	1	2	8	15
New Hebrides	1	3	4	13
Solomon Islands	1	2	3	10
Tonga	2	1	1	9
Micronesia	0	2	0	4
Nauru	0	0	1	1

ATHLETICS

Men

EVENT	RECORD	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
100 Meters	J. Pothin (NC) 10.6s Suva 1963	J. Marou (SI) 10.05s	J. Wejieme (NC) 10.06s	K. Bourne (FP) 10.6s
200 Meters	J. Bourne (FP) 21.60s Tahiti 1971	J. Wejieme (NC) 21.70s	J. Bourne (FP) 21.11s	J. Marou (SI) 22.18s
400 Meters	S. Yavaia (FIJ) 47.8s Tahiti 1971	W. Kali (PNG) 48.91s	V. Wale (SI) 49.9s	Y. Blanc (NC) 50.13s
800 Meters	P. John (PNG) 1:54.1 Tahiti 1971	R. Kermodé (FIJ) 1:57.33	W. Hoffagao (PNG) 1:58.77	A. Julien (NC) 1:59.06
1500 Meters		U. Sotutu (FIJ) 4:4.41 <i>new games record</i>	W. Hoffagao (PNG) 4:04.74	T. Corke (PNG) 4:05.98
5000 Meters		J. Kokinai (PNG) 15:01.2 <i>new games record</i>	M. Joyce (PNG) 15:15.2	A. Lazare (NC) 15:16.2
10000 Meters		J. Kokinai (PNG) 32:01 <i>new games record</i>	A. Lazare (NC) 32:25	U. Sotutu (FIJ) 32:58
110 Meters Hurdles	P. Tuipolutu (Ton) 14.6 Tahiti 1971	S. Latu (Ton) 15.4	T. Tuva (FIJ) 15.55	I. Pamoá (PNG) 15.85
400 Meters Hurdles	P. Tuipolutu (Ton) 52.9 Tahiti 1971	J. Rodan (FIJ) 54.7	H. Brillant (FP) 55.60	M. Blamere (NC) 55.69
4x100 Meters Relay	French Polynesia (41.8) Tahiti 1971	New Caledonia (42.09)	Solomon Islands (42.46)	French Polynesia (42.48)
4x200 Meters Relay	Fiji (3:18.5) Tahiti 1971	New Caledonia (3:23.63)	Fiji	Solomon Islands
3000m Steeple Chase	U. Sotutu (FIJ) 9:24 Tahiti 1971	J. Kokinai (PNG) 9:29.4	U. Sotutu (FIJ) 9:51.4	M. Guepy (NC) 10:25.3
Discus	A. Beer (NC) 50.22m Port Moresby 1969	A. Beer (NC) 48.30m	M. Bone (NC) 46.88m	J. Duhaze (FP) 40.70m
Hammer	M. Bone (NC) 48.38m Tahiti 1971	M. Bone (NC) 46.7m	A. Beer (NC) 43.66m	J. Duhaze (FP) 37.5m
High Jump		C. Poaniewa (NC) 2.10m <i>new games record</i>	P. Poaniewa (NC) 2.08m	P. Leontieff (FP) 1.98m
Javelin		L. Tuita (WF) 73.2m <i>new games record</i>	L. Tutui (WF) 70.28m	S. Vairaaroa (FP) 65.20m
Long Jump		A. Moore (FIJ) 7.36m <i>new games record</i>	E. Belenquez (NC) 6.86m	E. Iewago (PNG) 6.84m
Pole Vault	S. Drollet (FP) 4.40m Tahiti 1971	P. Larue (NC) 4m	S. Drollet (FP) 3.80m	O. D'almeida (NC) 3.80m
Shot Put	A. Beer (NC) 18.07m Tahiti 1971	A. Beer (NC) 18.07m	M. Bone (NC) 15.99m	J. Duhaze (FP) 15.87m
Triple Jump		Y. Talon (NC) 13.42m <i>new games record</i>	C. Poaniewa (NC) 14.74m	T. Bula (FIJ) 14.72m
Decathlon	C. Tetaria (FP) 6556pts Tahiti 1971	S. Latu (Ton) 6169pts	A. latu (Ton)	B. Tora (FIJ)
Marathon		A. Lazare (NC) 2:36.32 <i>new games record</i>	J. Kokinai (PNG) 2:37.19	Y. Mogla (NC) 2:44.25

Women

EVENT	RECORD	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
100 Meters		M. Chambault (FIJ) 12.63s <i>new games record</i>	G. Delplane (NH) 12.68s	B. Hardel (NC) 12.85s
200 Meters	T. Varo (FIJ) 25.3s Suva 1963	M. Chambault (FIJ) 25.74s	G. Delplane (NH) 25.74s	B. Hardel (NC)
400 Meters	S. Pipit (PNG) 58.1 Tahiti 1971	B. Hardel (NC) 58.51	M. Liku (FIJ) 59.06	A. Tefana (FP) 59.98
800 Meters		M. Liku (FIJ) 2:20.85 <i>new games record</i>	R. Radinibeqa (FIJ) 2:21.37	M. Kaida (PNG) 2:37
1500 Meters		R. Radinibeqa (FIJ) 4:56.96 <i>new games record</i>	M. Kaida (PNG)	M. Liku (FIJ)
100 Meters Hurdles		D. Guyonnet (FP) 14.96 <i>new games record</i>	M. Chambault (FIJ) 15.04	N. Taraingal (PNG) 16.13
4x100 Meters Relay		French Polynesia (49.5) <i>new games record</i>	Fiji 49.82	New Hebrides (50)
Discus	K. Lax (Nauru) 42.32m Noumea 1966	L. Bola (FIJ) 34.02m	M. Tchibaou (NC) 33.5m	M. Vibose (FIJ) 32.48m
High Jump		D. Guyonnet (FP) 1.78m <i>new games record</i>	J. Tellriquet (NH) 1.51m	M. Chambault (FIJ) 1.45m
Javelin		M. Vibose (FIJ) 44.32m <i>new games record</i>	G. Paouro (NC) 43.16m	M. Poaniewa (NC) 41.38m
Long Jump		M. Chambault (FIJ) 78.5m <i>new games record</i>	E. Ramoa (FIJ)	D. Guyonnet (FP)
Pentathlon	K. Longi (Ton) 3801pts Port Moresby 1969	D. Guyonnet (FP) 3703pts	M. Chambault (FIJ) 3673pts	E. Ramoa (FIJ) 2733pts
Shot Put	M. Weita (NC) 12.60m Tahiti 1971	G. Paouro (NC) 35.6m	M. Tchibaou (NC)	G. Delplane (NH)

SWIMMING

Men

EVENT	RECORD	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
100m Freestyle		C. Martin (PNG) 56.71 <i>new games record</i>	R. Champman (FP) 57.19	C. Ceran (FP) 57.77
200m Freestyle		H. Noble (FP) 2:4.38 <i>new games record</i>	C. Martin (PNG) 2:4.71	R. Champman (FP) 2:5.94
400m Freestyle		H. Noble (FP) 4:28.58 <i>new games record</i>	M. Hutchings (PNG) 4:34.89	E. Verlaquet (NC) 4:37.81
800m Freestyle	C. Martin (PNG) 18:12.9 Tahiti 1971	M. Hutchings (PNG) 18:16.10	E. Verlaquet (NC) 18:24.11	H. Noble (FP) 18:42.31
100m Backstroke		C. Martin (PNG) 1:3.12 <i>new games record</i>	H. Noble (FP) 1:4.47	C. Ceran (FP) 1:10.34
100m Breaststroke		F. Hunter (FP) 1:15.70	G. Burke (Guam) 1:16.6	O. Moi (PNG) 1:16.30
200m Breaststroke	N. Cluer (PNG) 2:41.5 Tahiti 1971	F. Hunter (FP) 2:48.12	D. Martin (PNG) 2:48.20	G. Burke (Guam) 2:49.54
100m Butterfly		C. Martin (PNG) 1:00.33 <i>new games record</i>	A. Mouren (NC) 1:3.73	D. Martin (PNG) 1:4.84
200m Individual Medley		C. Martin (PNG) 2:21.29 <i>new games record</i>	R. Champman (FP) 2:23.64	M. Hutchings (PNG) 2:28.32
4x100m Medley Relay		French Polynesia (4:24.82) <i>new games record</i>	PNG (4:27.44)	New Caledonia (4:36.60)
4x100m Freestyle Relay		French Polynesia (3:48.59) <i>new games record</i>	PNG (3:53.68)	New Caledonia (3:59.94)
4x200m Freestyle Relay		French Polynesia (8:34.61)	PNG (8:44.94)	New Caledonia (8:58.28)

Women

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
100m Freestyle	M. Lavigne (FP) 1:4.63 <i>new games record</i>	D. Maussion (NC) 1:4.64	L. Fisher (FIJ) 1:5.89
200m Freestyle	Y. Saminadin (NC) 2:15.58 <i>new games record</i>	M. Lavigne (FP) 2:20.23	C. Bernanos (NC) 2:21.19
400m Freestyle	Y. Saminadin (NC) 4:51.41 <i>new games record</i>	P. Legras (NC) 4:53.69	D. Maussion (NC) 5:5.97
800m Freestyle	Y. Saminadin (NC) 9:46.20 <i>new games record</i>	P. Legras (NC) 10:14.74	D. Maussion (NC) 10:29.4
100m Backstroke	M. Lavigne (FP) 1:14.18 <i>new games record</i>	V. Coppenrath (FP) 1:14.98	Y. Saminadin (NC) 1:16.54
100m Breaststroke	P. Legras (NC) 1:24.1	L. Moyle (PNG) 1:26.66	H. Teaha (FP) 1:29.75
200m Breaststroke	P. Legras (NC) 3:00.66 <i>new games record</i>	L. Moyle (PNG) 3:9.55	J. Kohnke (PNG) 3:12.79
100m Butterfly	D. Maussion (NC) 1:13.14 <i>new games record</i>	L. Moyle (PNG) 1:14.91	M. Lavigne (FP) 1:15.37
200m Individual Medley	L. Moyle (PNG) 2:39.58 <i>new games record</i>	D. Maussion (NC) 2:41.62	P. Legras (NC) 2:43.87
4x100m Medley Relay	New Caledonia (5:2) <i>new games record</i>	French Polynesia (5:5.96)	PNG (5:19.78)
4x100m Freestyle Relay	New Caledonia (4:26.22) <i>new games record</i>	French Polynesia (4:26.69)	PNG (4:33.98)
4x200m Freestyle Relay	New Caledonia (9:32.3)	PNG (9:57.29)	FP (10:08.75)

ARCHERY

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Individuals	D. Smith (PNG) 2102pts	E. Shan (FP) 2071pts	K. Winchcombe (PNG) 2059pts
Team	French Polynesia (5935pts)	PNG (5866pts)	Guam (5409pts)

JUDO

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Lightweight	J. F. Juan (FP)	F. Alighieri (NC)	P. Francois (NC) G. Liu (FP)
Light Middleweight	P. Lecomte (NC)	A. Vandange (NC)	P. Ng-Too (FP) R. Rota (FP)
Middleweight	P. Briand (NC)	A. Grieg (FP)	P. Takakore (FP) J. P. Sauray (NC)
Light Heavyweight	J. L. Audiferen (NC)	D. Briand (NC)	B. Lopin (FP) F. Tapoto (FP)
Heavyweight	L. Jacquot (NC)	T. Letuligasenoa (AS)	T. Hoatua (FP)
Open	J. L. Audiferen (NC)	B. Lopin (FP)	T. Letuligasenoa (AS) L. Jacquot (NC)

GOLF

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Mens Individual	J. Keating (PNG) 317strokes	G. Fennel (PNG) 323strokes	P. Frame (PNG) 324strokes
Womens Individual	I. Trevena (PNG) 357strokes	J. King (Guam) 359strokes	T. Bres (FP) 378strokes
Mens Team	PNG (964 strokes)	Guam (1007 strokes)	Fiji (1020 strokes)
Womens Team	PNG (724 strokes)	Guam (776 strokes)	FP (776 strokes)

SPEARFISHING

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Team	French Polynesia (170 550pts)	New Caledonia (83 450pts)	Wallis & Futuna (35 300pts)
Individual	F. Nanai (FP) 72 300pts	G. Ateo (FP) 54 750pts	M. Ateo (FP) 43 200pts

WEIGHTLIFTING

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Flyweight	E. Seeto (PNG) 170kg	S. Niautou (NC) 162.5kg	R. Massin (FP) 155kg
Bantamweight	B. Leungwai (WS) 187.5kg	A. Fale (WS) 167.5kg	S. Gutuhau (NC) 167.5kg
Featherweight	S. Oka (PNG) 187.5kg	A. AgDon (M) 175kg	A. Leungwai (WS) 170kg
Lightweight	G. Hui (PNG) 222.5kg	V. Ulia (WS) 210kg	A. Goxe (NC) 192.5kg
Middleweight	M. Tai'i (WS) 237.5kg	A. Cheung (FP) 220kg	J. Bota (NC) 205kg
Light Heavyweight	S. Petelo (WS) 252.5kg	M. Mexico (PNG) 215kg	F. Selefen (NC) 207.5kg
Heavyweight	O. Ahsue (WS) 269kg	M. Bone (NC) 240kg	E. Teururai (FP) 215kg
Super Heavyweight	V. Masoe (WS) 290kg	A. Beer (NC) 265kg	P. Tahai (FP) 200kg
Middle-heavyweight	P. Wallwork (WS) 270kg	F. Romanu (FIJ) 240kg	A. Pihatarios (FP) 237.5kg

BOXING

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Light Flyweight	C. Faafetai (WS)	Z. Yarawa (PNG)	T. Villa (FP)
Flyweight	P. Malo (WS)	J. Eki (PNG)	J. Veloria (PNG)
Bantamweight	T. Sogolik (PNG)	M. Ie (FP)	J. Wayuo (NC)
Featherweight	J. Aba (PNG)	E. Smith (NC)	S. Kavaana (WS)
Lightweight	S. Leo (AS)	S. Vei (FIJ)	P. Taala (AS)
Light Welterweight	V. Papua (WS)	V. Meredith (AS)	T. Samasoni (WS)
Welterweight	P. Kang (NH)	S. Malo (WS)	V. Tarika (FIJ)
Light Middleweight	S. Tanoa (AS)	S. Ratu (FIJ)	A. Tanji (Guam)
Middleweight	R. Nebayes (NC)	V. Utufiu (WS)	S. Lealiifano (WS)
Light Heavyweight	N. Felu (AS)	B. Timo (FIJ)	M. Apai (PNG)
Heavyweight	V. Fafoa (NC)	S. Pelo (W&F)	Tufele (W&F)
			P. Fiatau (AS)
			M. Tuataane (W&F)
			M. Nako (NH)
			Tuilapla (WS)
			S. Togafau (AS)
			D. Larry (PNG)
			K. Henderson (NH)
			M. Nena (FP)

YACHTING

GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
P. Drips (Guam) 19.7pts	K. Read (PNG) 30.4pts	B. Gardiner (Fiji) 37.7pts

WOMENS TEAM SPORT

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Softball	Papua New Guinea	Guam	Nauru
Basketball	French Polynesia	Papua New Guinea	New Caledonia
Volleyball	New Caledonia	French Polynesia	Wallis & Futuna

MENS TEAM SPORT

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Soccer	French Polynesia	New Caledonia	Solomon Islands
Basketball	Guam	American Samoa	New Caledonia
Volleyball	New Caledonia	French Polynesia	American Samoa
Softball	Guam	Micronesia	Papua New Guinea

TABLE TENNIS

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Mens Team	French Polynesia	New Caledonia	Papua New Guinea
Mens Singles	V. Lau (FP)	F. L. Kui (FP)	H. Wo (NC)
Mens Doubles	V. Lau/F. L. Kui (FP)	R. Strelan/S. Zial (PNG)	C. Sue/P. Loussan (FP)
Womens Team	Fiji	French Polynesia	New Caledonia
Womens Singles	A. Jacquet (FP)	L. Trafton (FP)	M. Ali (NC)
Womens Doubles	L. Naivalulevu/A. Renner (FIJ)	L. Trafton/A. Jacquet (FP)	M. Ali/S. Song (NC)
Mixed Doubles	V. Lau/L. Trafton (FP)	F. Wu/S. Song (NC)	F. Kui/A. Jacquet (FP)

CYCLING

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
120km Road Race	L. Dubois (NC) 3:25.10	K. Boosie (FP) 3:29.51	E. Duffieux (NC) 3:31.42
77km Team Trial	New Caledonia (1:29.30)	French Polynesia (1:30.12)	Wallis & Futuna (1:36.56)
Sprint/Scratch Race	M. B. Dupont (FP)	V. Raoux (FP)	J. Testard (NC)
1km Time Trial	J. Testard (NC) 1:10.9	V. Raoux (FP) 1:12.4	A. Lutafu (W&F) 1:13.12
4km Pursuit	D. Cornaille (NC) 5.59	M. Hellemon (FP) 6.10	S. Latuva (W&F) 7.29
4km Team Olympic Pursuit	New Caledonia (6.10)	French Polynesia (6.13)	Wallis & Futuna (6.42)

TENNIS

EVENT	GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Mens Singles	G. Winter (NC)	P. Laharraque (FP)	S. Heo (FP)
Mens Doubles	Papua New Guinea	American Samoa	
Womens Singles	V. Vanaa (FP)	A. Morault (NC)	L. Branch (PNG)
Womens Doubles	New Caledonia	Papua New Guinea	French Polynesia
Mixed Doubles	French Polynesia	New Caledonia	

The Fifth South Pacific Games are slated for August 9-22 at Guam on the other side of the equator with the Games only 14 months away, the venue may be switched in the face of growing doubts that Guam has the ability or the facilities to host them. Alarmed at the absence of news of preparations being made in Guam, which has failed to answer three requests for information, members of the Games Council have called a meeting for May 31 in Suva when a switch may be decided on. What has been happening behind the scenes in Guam? Below, Joe Murphy, editor of Guam's Pacific Daily News, supplies the answers in a special report for PIM, sent before Games Council members decided to act.

BEHIND THE SCENES AS GUAM GETS UNREADY FOR THE 1975 GAMES

From JOE MURPHY, on Guam

Despite Guam's relatively high level of prosperity, potential visitors are cautioned that the 1975 Games facilities won't be anywhere near the level of those seen last in 1971 at Tahiti. There are many reasons for this sad situation, but basically the problem stems from the fact that the Games got embroiled in a political controversy between the Democratic Party (which controls the Guam Legislature, and whose Speaker, Sen. Larry Ramirez, issued the invitation to hold the Games in Guam), and the Republican administration headed by Governor Carlos Camacho.

Ramirez had assumed that the US Government would help pay the cost of the sports facilities needed for Guam, as a gesture to Pacific goodwill. Unfortunately, the violence at the 1972 Olympic Games, brought an adverse reaction throughout the US, and the federal government refused to guarantee aid to Denver or Salt Lake City, both of whom wanted to host the 1976 Winter Games. Having already refused two states, the US Government couldn't bend the policy to help Guam.

It had been estimated that Guam's sports complex would cost from \$US5 to \$6 million. More than a year ago, Governor Camacho insisted that Guam needed this money for highways, telephones, power, sewerlines and schools, and announced that Guam would be unable to host the Games.

This unpopular announcement brought ringing editorials protesting at the inhospitality, the "slap in the face", to Island neighbours. Under pressure, Governor Camacho reconsidered, deciding that he didn't have the authority to call off the Games, because that decision had to be made by the South Pacific Games Committee. He did say that he expected help from the business community in building the sporting complex, and that the Guam Government itself wouldn't be able to give much financial support.

The matter has developed into such a local hassle that Ted Nelson, Guam Games chairman, has already tossed his hat in the ring as a candidate for lieutenant-governor in this November's elections, as a Democrat.

And Republican Senator Calvo, head of the Guam Games Committee, recently announced his resignation from that post in order to challenge Governor Camacho in the September Republican primary, bringing even more politics to the Games scene.

But in the meantime some Guam facilities—tennis courts, pool, track etc.—are slowly being upgraded; other improvements are planned; still others are being studied by experts. No central stadium, for instance, exists, and whether one could be completed, even if started immediately, is questionable.

But there are other alternatives. The large US military bases on Guam have ample sports facilities for the 30,000 men, and these could be made available for some, or all, of the Games with some give and take between the Guam Government and the military, although even here, too, a hassle has developed. When Rear Adm. G. Steve Morrison was asked about the possibility of using military facilities, he said this would be perfectly acceptable—providing "the boys" got to participate. But this was out of the question, because the rule for participation had already been set down.

In addition, Guam politicians and the military establishment are in the midst of a battle royal themselves which could affect use of the military sports facilities. The Navy wants to move its ammunition wharf out of busy, heavily-populated Apra Harbour to a pristine, rugged, unpopulated area on Guam's southwest coast. The move, at an estimated cost of \$US120,000,000 would require the acquisition of some 4,000 acres. Part of the land that would be acquired is owned by yet another Guam Senator, Paul Bordallo, who insists that the Navy already has enough Guam land. (Sen. Bordallo's brother, Ricardo, is another announced Democratic candidate for governor.) Earlier, Governor Camacho signed an agree-

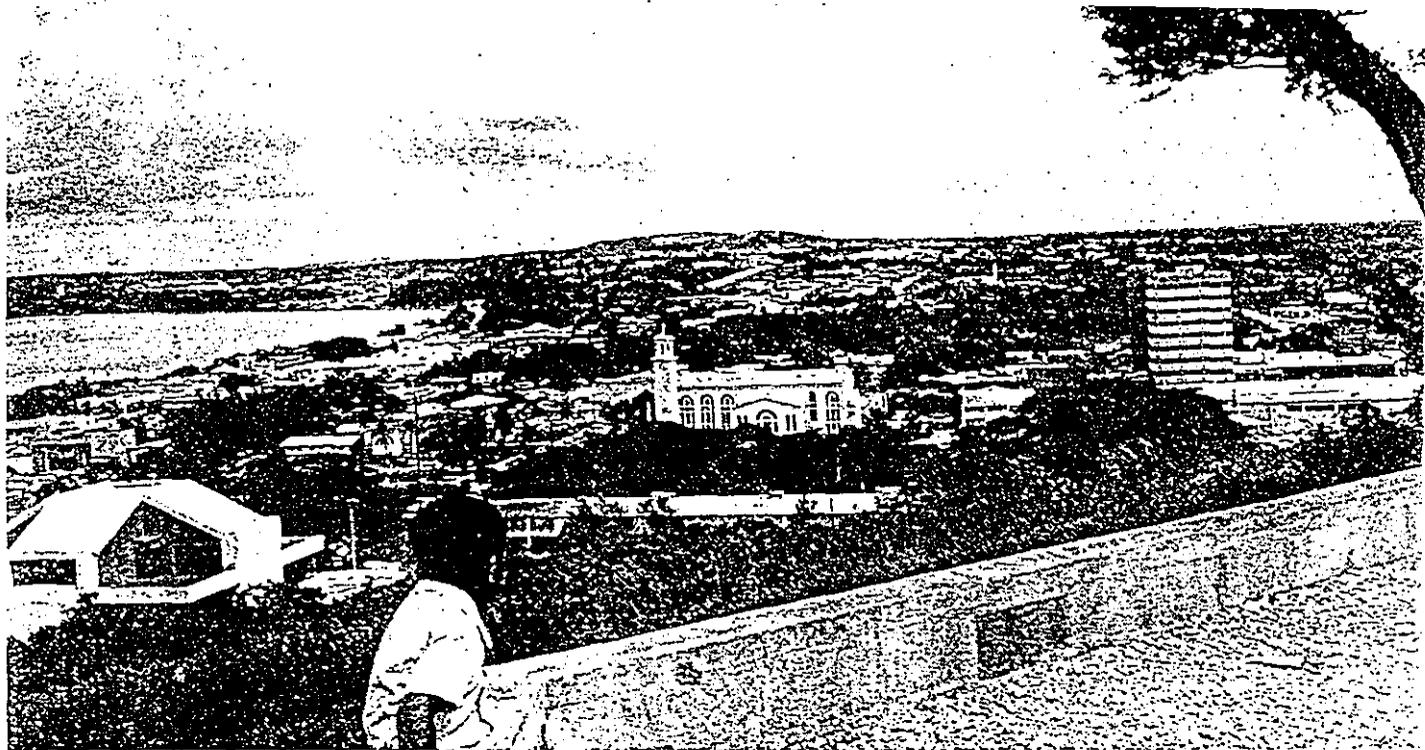
"THEY CAN'T DO IT" SAYS OFFICIAL

Mr Les Marrin, of Suva, oldest president of the Games Council, which is reconstituted for each Games, told PIM that, after comparing notes with others who had inquired into Guam's ability to host the Games, he is sure there is no possibility of Guam being able to act as host.

When he visited Guam in February last year at the behest of Games Council presidents he found that Governor Camacho didn't want the Games and argued that Guam couldn't afford them although the people were adamant that they could. They had fine schools, one the biggest he had ever seen which could easily accommodate and feed all the Games entrants and officials, but they had no other facilities.

Since then, a representative of the United States Athletic Union, which has responsibility for Guam in the athletic field, went to Guam to see what was going on.

"He and I met at Christchurch", said Mr Marrin, "and from what he told me I realised that no progress had been made in preparing for the Games since my visit. Nothing had been done. Later, he wrote a report in which he pointed out that legislation proposed to organise the Games was based on a resolution which contained the phrase 'if funds are available'. This legislation is still only at the proposal stage. In fact there is no evidence of funds coming from any other source."



Agana, Guam's attractive capital, which will be host to the largest cosmopolitan crowd of Islanders it's ever seen when the Fifth South Pacific Games get under way on August 1.

GUAM OFFICIALS SQUABBLE AS THE ISLANDS TUNE UP FOR THE GAMES

While teams for the Fifth South Pacific Games in August are slowly taking shape, the smooth running of the gathering in Guam is threatened by a major split between Ted Nelson, president of the Games Council, and Joe Paulino, who resigned in March as South Pacific Games Commission director of organisation.

Paulino alleged interference by Nelson, a charge denied by Nelson, but apparently proved by memoranda, signed by Nelson, to commission staff and committees.

A legislative committee, originally intended to explore the backgrounds of four appointments to the Games Commission, finished up delving into the differences between Nelson and Paulino, and hearing a mass of conflicting evidence from various witnesses. During this evidence, Paulino said he estimated that another \$800,000 would be needed from the Guam Government to stage the Games.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of the squabble, it was unfortunate it should occur with the Games so close. For many months it looked as though they would be a sporting flop, so little information came from Guam. However, in February, there were

signs that the organisers were getting into top gear.

The Lieutenant-Governor, Mr Rudy Sablan, acting on behalf of the Governor, Mr Bordallo, who was absent, issued a directive to department heads to provide full co-operation and support for the Games. He asked each department to make specific commitments of facilities, materials, equipment and staff.

The George Washington High School was asked to provide housing for the men, and the Agueda Johnston Junior High School for the women. Other education institutions were asked to provide back-up facilities and Games sites.

The Governor's Games Commission is headed by Mr Julian Arceo.

The headquarters is in Mangilao. A new television series about the Games is broadcast each Sunday. The programme, Games Talk, features interviews with local volunteers who are helping to prepare for the Games.

The Seiko Co, of Japan, will provide electronic timing equipment at next to no cost. It will provide all timing devices and at least 10 technicians. The technicians will arrive in Guam on July 21, 11 days before the Games open on August 1, and stay

till August 15, five days after the August 10 closing date.

While final selections may not be made till as late as July, teams are starting to take shape. Most participating countries are using normal sporting fixtures, plus trials, and special events to help in team selection.

Preparations in various countries include:

American Samoa.—This should be one of the best-managed and best-coached teams at the Games with one official for every 2½ competitors. The 50-strong team will comprise 10 boxers, 12 volleyballers, 12 basketballers (men), four judo men, seven golfers (four men and three women), two weightlifters and three yachtsmen. The 20 officials will be managers, coaches and "others".

Fiji.—The team will probably number a few less than 100. Fiji confidently expects a quota of medals. One of the strongest possibilities is Usaia Sotutu, a distance runner. His performances up to 5,000 metres have been outstanding. Joe Roden is a possibility as a hurdler. Recently, at Buckhurst Park, Suva, he won the 400 metres hurdles in the Fiji record time of 55.4 sec. Hopes for one boxing gold medal received a jolt when

Guam games tune-up

outstanding light-middleweight, Jovesa Keresi, decided to turn professional.

Micronesia.—The Micronesian Sports Council is entering a team for the first time. A four-man committee will visit each district to watch the best athletes perform. The following have been appointed head coaches: Marc Walton (softball), Alan Steed (basketball), Steve Remley (volleyball), Don Schuster (track and field events), Kurt Barnes (women's track and field events), Bill Sakovich (swimming) and Cindy Giorgis (women's swimming).

New Caledonia.—Final selections have yet to be made, but the swimming team could include Eric Verlaquet, Thierry and Patrick Legras, Andre Mouren (who is studying in France), Daniele Maussion, Beatrice Godard and Francoise Calla. There will be a better idea of who will be in the team about the end of May, after a visit by New Zealand swimmers.

Prospects for the athletics team are distance runner Alain Lazare, a distinct medal hope, and Martial Bone, Lelesio Tuito and Penisio Lutui in the field events.

New Hebrides.—Thanks to generous financial assistance from the French Government, a team of 55 will be sent. Plans are to send 20 footballers, 10 to 12 netballers, five or six boxers, two golfers and 10 athletes (five men and five women).

Papua New Guinea.—The team of about 200 will be one of the biggest, if not the biggest, in Guam. The size of the team ensures Papua New Guinea should take home several medals. Recently, distance runner John Kokinai, covered the 10,000 metres in 32 min 31.4 sec on a heavy track. Another recent good performance was by sprinter Wavala Kali, who ran the 100 metres in 11.1 sec. and the 400 metres in 50.9 sec. Wallace Hofagao, who had to withdraw from the 1974 Commonwealth Games team because of injury, could well represent PNG in the 1,500 metres.

The 1975 PNG swimming championships at Port Moresby showed that there is plenty of talent from which to choose a strong team. Twenty new national records were set up. The swimming team could include Chris White, Marlene Rau, Michelle Capon, Paul Sinclair, Lorene Moyle, Bill Woolhouse, Oala Moi, Mark Hutchings, and Charlie and Donald Martin.

The PNG Yachting Association will choose a team of two or three Fireballs to go to Guam. Other yachting competitors are expected to be Fiji,

American Samoa, New Caledonia and French Polynesia.

A managerial team of five has been named—Sam Pinau, chairman of the National Broadcasting Commission, chief of mission; Jack Pini, general team manager; Dr Alan Hutchinson, team doctor; Les Bridges, physiotherapist; and Bette Pini, team secretary.

Solomon Islands.—The team will be at least 90, and at the most 104. Of likely aspirants for medals, sprinters are closest to international standards. The best times for the sprinters are below the South Pacific Games records, but that does not mean the Solomons' sprinters will be outclassed. Their best times were recorded on rough and bumpy grass tracks, while the French Polynesians have fast tracks. Jasper Anisi (100 metres) and Valentine Wale (200 and 400 metres) are capable of improvement, and each could pick up a medal. But they will first have to make the team, for they are closely pressed by Benedict Esibeia, Felix Kalinomae, Thomas Kama, Casper Luiramo and Robert Kimisi. A strong relay team will be fielded.

Tonga.—The team will be small, but will include several medal chances. One of these is Sanitesi Latu, a leading athlete, now living in Melbourne, who has been asked to make himself available. Losaline Faka'ata has been asked to continue her shot put and discus training. But Sione Peau Haukinima, who performed well during the recent Suva athletics championships when he won the 800 and 3,000 metres, has said he is willing to represent Fiji, if he is not considered for Tonga. He has been running well, and recently bettered the time of 10 min 34.6 sec which earned him fifth place in the 3,000 metres at Papeete in 1971. A small boxing team will be chosen after a series of trials.

Wallis and Futuna.—The team is expected to number about 40, including officials. The star could be Lolesio Tuita, 32-year-old javelin thrower, who is in line to win his fourth gold medal. Wallis and Futuna will be represented in boxing, athletics, weightlifting, cycling, volleyball and spear fishing. The javelin throwers and boxers expect to have pipe-openers in Fiji and Samoa before going to Guam.

Western Samoa.—The president of the Amateur Weightlifting Association, Mr Asi Eikeni, forecasts seven gold medals and two silver medals for the team of nine weightlifters. The team will be headed by Paul Wallwork, who won a silver medal at the Commonwealth Games in Christchurch in 1974. Four of the weightlifters are SP Games gold medalists—Otto Ah Aiu, P. Leung Wai, S. Petelo and T. Amator.

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PNG official forecasts big success for the Guam Games

From a Port Moresby correspondent

Widely-experienced Papua New Guinea sports official, Jack Pini, predicts that the South Pacific Games in Guam in August will be a great success, with contestants experiencing "the true spirit of the Games".

He made this prediction in May after returning to Port Moresby from Guam where he checked out Guam's arrangements for the Games on behalf of the Papua New Guinea Amateur Sports Association. Mr Pini is secretary of the association and general manager of PNG's 290-man Games team. It's the largest team yet to be sent out by PNG.

The PNG and Solomon Islands teams will fly direct to Guam in two Air Micronesia Boeing 727s whose charter was finalised by Mr Pini in Guam.

Mr Pini has given to PNG sporting bodies full details of the various venues for sports at the Games.

He says the main stadium and the athletics venue will not be up to the same standard as in the Tahiti and Port Moresby Games; but venues for basketball, golf, lawn tennis, judo, softball, volley ball, table tennis, yachting, weight-lifting and boxing were "certainly better" than at Tahiti and Port Moresby. The venues for soccer, swimming and athletics would be of a lower standard.

He said Guam was unable to put in a touch plate for electronic timing in the swimming pool and thus six timekeepers would be required for each lane. Swimming would be held in the mornings.

Athletics would take place in the afternoon at the J. F. Kennedy Field, using a track of crushed coral base, with a sand-clay mix for the top course. There was no covering on the stands. There would be no stadium for the opening ceremony; a baseball park would be used which was small and only a small section of it was covered.

But team accommodation was excellent—much higher than at Tahiti or Port Moresby. Accommodation and venues were fairly widely scattered, but 200 school buses would be made available for transport, as there was no public transport in Guam.

Mr Pini said he was impressed by the amount of organisation done in Guam over a short period. The early troubles had been overcome, and Guam had achieved in three months

what it normally would have been expected to achieve over three years.

There was a great spirit of enthusiasm among all officials and supporters of the organising committee and there was no doubt in his mind that Guam would "magnificently" meet that part of the South Pacific Games Charter which said that the first objective was to bring people together so that they could create bonds of friendship and understanding, and secondly to engage in amateur sport.

Mr Pini said contestants could expect very hot weather during the day with cool nights, with "every chance" of typhoons. Cost of living in Guam was very high, including taxi charges, but there was a great deal of entertainment. Colour television would be provided in the Games villages. Guam itself had a bowling alley, four picture theatres, plenty of nightclubs and good beaches.

Talking of dress, Mr Pini noted that "strangely enough" shorts were not used to any great degree in Guam. The women wore slacks and casual dresses, the men long trousers and casual shirts.

Chief of mission for the PNG team, Mr Sam Piniau, said in Port Moresby that PNG's strength at the Games would be in athletics (particularly marathon and long-distance), boxing and soccer.

He said the PNG public had given the team great financial support following a very sound fund-raising campaign. The public had subscribed \$120,000, the government \$45,000.

The PNG team will be wearing a new "independence" uniform of green and white Afro-shirt, green lap lap (or skirt) and sandals.

Countries taking part in the Games, which will be from August 1 to 10, are American and Western Samoa, the Solomons, New Hebrides, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Fiji, Tonga, Nauru, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Wallis and Futuna, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The Trust Territory is sending a big team of 129 men and 29 women.

The total number of athletes taking part will be 1,048, plus 114 officials. Some teams will be bringing large numbers of supporters with them—French Polynesia will probably bring about 120 and New Caledonia 160.



Pius Kerepia (above), 29, Deputy PNG Police Commissioner for the last 18 months, has succeeded Mr Brian Holloway as PNG's Police Commissioner. Mr Boim Merire becomes Deputy Commissioner. Both men have had many years in the service. The new Commissioner is respected in the force as a balanced, competent and progressive officer. He will serve 18 months in the new post before his final confirmation.

Bougainville's "shame"

From a Port Moresby correspondent

"Disgraceful, shameful" conduct by "a mob of irresponsible and undisciplined hooligans", said PNG Minister for Police Mr Peter Lus. "I'm shocked by the magnitude of violence and damage", said Chief Minister Michael Somare.

They were referring to two days of violent rioting by more than 1,000 miners which began on May 12 at the Bougainville open-cut copper mine at Panguna, the world's largest. The rioting shut down the mine, caused the temporary evacuation to the coast of mine-worker families, mass arrests and gaolings, and extensive damage to buildings and vehicles estimated at about \$500,000 as the mine workers went on a wild rampage of destruction. Police moved in with tear gas.

Mr Somare said the government would act in future to prevent similar "industrially-inspired violence", but he gave no details of his plans.

The Bougainville Copper Company, partly owned by the PNG Government, has had an excellent record of industrial relations, there being only one previous strike; for three days last December. Only a small proportion of the strikers worked directly for Bougainville

THE ISLANDS ARE ALMOST READY FOR THE FIFTH GAMES CLASH

The composition of teams for the Fifth South Pacific Games in Guam from August 1 to 10 was starting to take shape in June. In some countries, teams were selected for several sports. In others, a programme of trials was under way before the selectors finally committed themselves. In the first week in June, Papua New Guinea had made most progress, with the athletics, swimming, table tennis, weightlifting and boxing teams named.

The Solomon Islands reached the stage of recommending a team to the BSIP Amateur Sports Association, and inquiring about the availability of two athletes studying overseas.

Papua New Guinea chose a strong team for the men's table tennis. It included Ted Sokolowski, four times PNG singles champion and twice runner-up, and co-winner of the men's doubles at the 1971 Tahiti Games. He is a former Australian and Victorian representative and was co-winner of the Australian doubles title in 1959. Rick Strellan, another member of the team, is current PNG singles champion.

The women's team does not have the same impressive performances behind it, and may not win a medal.

But the experience in Guam is expected to stand the team in good stead in the future.

At the final pre-selection meeting for athletes in the Solomon Islands, Lucy Auna ran the 400 metres in 63.7 sec, the best time for the season. Mary Kelesi, running the 1500 metres in 5 min 31.7 sec, took almost 10 sec off the previous best time for the season. Jim Marau won the 100 metres and 200 metres in 11 sec and 22.7 sec respectively. Ronaldo Albert and Andrew Dakatia tried themselves out over the 5000 metres. Albert won in 16 min 37.8 sec, with Dakatia five seconds behind.

New Caledonians have been training enthusiastically in their specialties. Discus thrower Martial Bone broke his old record to throw 52.88 metres in May. Wallisian gold medal hopeful Losesio Tuita broke another New Caledonian record to throw the javelin 76.16 metres. A new long-distance runner has made a spectacular emergence — 23-year-old Noumea-born Alain Lazare.

Several tennis men, including, of course, Melanesian N'Godrella Wanaro, have been playing in France while others back in Noumea competed against an Australian eight in May. Among the judo men, 12 hopefuls were due home in June from contests in New Zealand. Other teams to compete against the New Zealanders were the swimmers who put up a rather disappointing performance against their visitors in Noumea late May.

Other sportsmen to benefit from New Zealand encouragement were the table tennis players who were coached by New Zealand champion Richard Lee in Noumea for 10 days before the 1966 Games. As for New Caledonian soccer players, they were training hard to test their strength against a visiting English team, Sheffield United, in early June.

Teams named so far include:

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Athletics—Naibi Levj, Anamason Paulius, Delin Lemen, Naomi Taraingal, Daisy Irwin, Paiwa Bogela,

Two Games veterans, New Caledonia's tennis star N'Godrella (left) and Papua New Guinea's Mike Joyce will be seen in action once again.

Trevor Vorke, Sisia Morea, Wavala Kali, Mike Joyce, Philip Kayo, Iroa Pamoia, Evan Iewago, Wallace Hofagao, John Kokinai, Mo'uro Kaida, Salitia Muga, Vuatha Kapa. Officials —manager. Goa Koiti; assistant manager. Mrs Kuni Tigilai; coach. Jack Pross.

Swimming — Mark Hutchings, Charlie Martin, Donald Martin, Oala Moi, Deveni Temu, Peter Yates, Karen Antione, Joanne Kohnke, Fiona Mooney, Lorene Moyle, Alison Newtown, Mati Verave.

Boxing—Zoffa Yawawi (light-flyweight); Jack Eki (flyweight); Tumat Sogolik (bantamweight); John Aba (featherweight); Titi Christian (lightweight); Mark Apai (light-welterweight); Samuel Kasa (welterweight); Som Agum (light-middleweight). Manager, Alan Richardson.

Table tennis—Ted Sokolowski (men's capt.), Simon Zial, David Petelo, Rick Strellan, Vui Kila (women's capt.), Geua Kwalahu, Miriam Mark, Haoda Frank. Manager, Neil Roberts.

Weightlifting—Edward Seeto (flyweight); Kava Heveapu, Jackson Seeto (bantamweights); Sibona Oka, David Seeto (featherweights); Geoff

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rey Hui (lightweight); Michael Mexico, Kaik Yakopo, Tom Kemala (middleweights). Manager, Ken Cheung; coach, Tony Cavitt.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Athletics—Ronaldo Albert, Jasper Anisi, Andrew Dakatia, William Fakaia, Casper Lurimo, Nqel Mamau, Philip Mangakako, Jim Barau, Milner Tozaka, Valentine Wale, Judith Afunakua, Lucy Auna, Welien Woi. Other possibilities are Matthew Hovaisuta, studying in Rabaul and Sylvester Drake, studying in Fiji. Team officials are expected to be Mike Markey (men's coach) and Father Louis Morosini (women's coach).

The games programme shows that most events will be in the cool of the morning or evening. The games will be officially opened on August 1, but there will be no events that day. Neither will there be any events on August 10, the official closing day, or on Sunday, August 3.

There will be 16 sports. Fourteen countries and territories will be represented. Two territories, the GEIC and Niue Island, which took part in earlier games, have not entered. The sports and entrants are:

Archery—Papua New Guinea, Guam, French Polynesia, Trust Territory.

Athletics—Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands (men), Fiji, Guam, Nauru (men), New Caledonia, New Hebrides (men), French Polynesia, Trust Territory, Tonga (men), Wallis and Futuna, Western Samoa.

Basketball—Papua New Guinea, American Samoa (men), Solomon Islands (men), Guam, Nauru (men), New Caledonia, New Hebrides (men), French Polynesia, Trust Territory (men).

Boxing—Papua New Guinea, American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, Guam, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, French Polynesia, Trust Territory, Wallis and Futuna, Western Samoa.

Cycling—Guam, New Caledonia, French Polynesia.

Golf—Papua New Guinea, American Samoa, Fiji (men), Guam, New Hebrides (men), French Polynesia (men), Trust Territory (men), Wallis and Futuna.

Judo—Papua New Guinea, American Samoa, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Guam, New Caledonia, French Polynesia.

Lawn Tennis—Papua New Guinea, Fiji (men), Guam, New Caledonia, French Polynesia, Trust Territory, Wallis and Futuna, Western Samoa.

Soccer—Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Guam, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, French Polynesia.

Softball—Papua New Guinea, Guam, Nauru, Trust Territory (men), Wallis and Futuna, Western Samoa.

Swimming—Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Guam, New Caledonia, French Polynesia, Trust Territory.

Table Tennis—Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands (men), Fiji (men), Guam, New Caledonia, French Polynesia, Trust Territory.

Underwater Spearfishing—Cook Islands, Guam, Nauru, New Caledonia, French Polynesia, Trust Territory.

Volleyball—Papua New Guinea, American Samoa (men), Guam, Nauru, New Caledonia, French Polynesia, Trust Territory (men), Wallis and Futuna.

Weightlifting—Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Guam, New Caledonia, French Polynesia, Trust Territory, Wallis and Futuna, Western Samoa.

Yachting—Papua New Guinea, American Samoa, Fiji, Guam, Nauru, French Polynesia, Trust Territory, Western Samoa.

Programme details are:

Archery—7.30 am, August 2, 4, 5, 6.
Athletics—6 pm, August 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; 3 pm and 5.30 pm, August 9. **Basketball**—9 am and 6 pm, August 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.
Boxing—7 pm, August 2, 4, 5, 6, 8. **Cycling**—

9 am, August 4, 5, 6, 7; 8 am, August 8 (road race). **Golf**—9 am, August 4, 5, 6. **Judo**—7 pm, August 2, 4, 6. **Lawn Tennis**—8 am and 2 pm, August 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; 8 am, August 9 (final). **Soccer**—8 am and 4.30 pm, August 2, 4, 5; 4.30 pm and 6.30 pm, August 7; 6.30 pm, August 8 (semi-final), August 9 (final). **Softball**—10 am, August 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (final). **Soccer**—8 am and 4.30 pm, August 2, 4, 5; 4.30 and 6.30 pm, August 7; 6.30 pm, August 8 (semi-final), August 9 (final). **Softball**—10 am, August 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (final). **Swimming**—9 am, August 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. **Table Tennis**—8 am, 2 pm, 7.30 pm, August 2; 8 am, 2 pm, August 4, 5; 9 am and 2 pm, August 6, 7, 8; 8 pm, August 9 (final). **Underwater Spearfishing**—8 am, August 5, 6, 7. **Volleyball**—1 pm, August 2, 4, 5, 6, 7; 1 pm and 4.30 pm, August 8; 7.30 pm, August 9 (final). **Weightlifting**—3 pm, August 2, 4, 5. **Yachting**—1 pm, August 2, 5, 6, 8, 9; 11 am and 3 pm, August 4.



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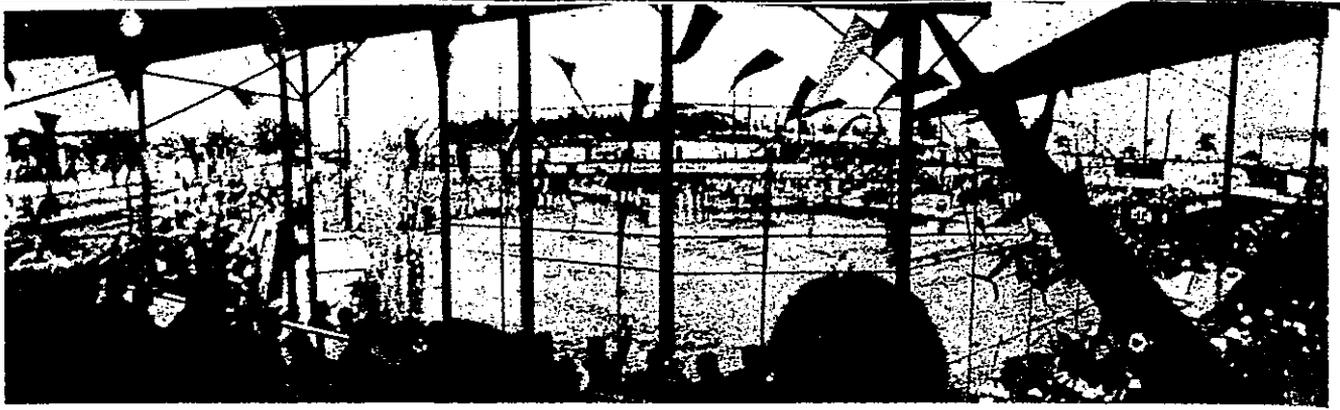
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Not with the glory of past years . . . the depressing scene at the Games opening on a waterlogged, pocket-handkerchief of a baseball field.

THE GAMES—BIGGEST RAIN-SOAKED NEAR-DISASTER IN ISLAND HISTORY

By JOHN CARTER, who was in Guam for the Games

The Fifth South Pacific Games was the biggest near-disaster in the sporting history of the Islands. Thankfully, the ordeal is over, but the lesson learned by the South Pacific Games Council is that never again will it allow itself to put such an important inter-Island event in such jeopardy.

The council courted disaster when its members agreed four years ago to accept Guam's invitation to stage the Games. Rumours persisted all those four years that Guam couldn't do it; that this small, unincorporated territory of the United States hadn't the will, or the wherewithal, to do a good job.

But the council believed the small coterie of Guam officials that everything would be all right, and, in the face of advice from informed advisers who had been to Guam, seen the confusion and inertia existing there, and begged the Games council to take the Games elsewhere, decided to stick to their original decision to come to Guam.

The council members came a few days before the start in August, and they were appalled.

Hardly one of them then believed the Games would get off the ground! With only a few days to go, there were too many things wrong.

Hardly anything was ready. The main arena, the venue for athletics at the J. F. Kennedy High School field, was a shambles. It would still be a shambles now had not some of the Papua New Guinea officials weighed in with technical know-how and helped to complete the work only hours before the first event.

Then it rained—and rained. That wasn't Guam's fault. But, who agreed to the Games being staged in the middle of Guam's wet season? A record amount of rain fell on all 10 days of the Games. Only one day was almost fine.

The public relations effort on Games publicity was a failure.

Almost nobody on the island 30 miles by eight miles knew anything about the Games. They'd been told

almost nothing about them. A taxi driver knew nothing about them when I told him what I was doing on the island and Joe Murphy, editor of the island's morning newspaper, the Pacific Daily News, wore sack cloth and ashes when he confessed in his column that the Press hadn't given much publicity to them.

Not that it would have mattered much.

One Guamanian told me that locals were not interested in watching a sporting event unless a relative was in the team—and there weren't many Guamanians in the Games. Apart from that, the favourite sport on Guam is cockfighting—every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, when thousands of dollars change hands.

Perhaps that explained why the Guamanians stayed away in droves from the Games events. Only a handful attended the opening ceremony held in torrential rain on a baseball field—about 260 yards in circumference—when 1,200-plus competitors stepped on each other's toes in an impossible attempt to stage a Games march, that spectacular parade of teams which has become such a feature of all previous Games.

Despite the rain, the competitors were in high spirits, waving and dancing. But that's the Island way.

The Governor of Guam, Ricardo Bordallo, did his best at the opening. When he walked to the podium in a powder-blue suit he waved away the umbrella held over him and let his stuff in the pouring rain, signal-

'See Guam and die!'

The French Press in Noumea was severely critical of the Guam organisation.

The weekly Le Journal Caledonien declared, "See Guam and die—of shame, derision, discouragement and disgust. . . . Guam is Waterloo. Or in the words of the chief official mourner, Guam is the South Pacific Games annihilated."

The writer also describes the Guam Games as "an unpardonable crime" and as "the most dismal failure in the history of Pacific sport".

Another comment runs, "From camping beds to foul food, lost sheets and an unfinished, dangerous stadium . . . there could have been accidents."

The paper also deplors the "ineffective reaction" of Caledonian sports officials "who should have stopped Guam from holding the Games, instead of shedding crocodile tears over the unfinished sports ground, the dilapidated dormitories, empty plates, shameful ceremonies, events cancelled."

ling that he was one with the few hundred people, mainly Games officials and supporters, plus the Press, who had had to endure two hours of ceremonial exposed to the weather while the favoured few local VIPs (who for some reason included young children) had sheltered in the inadequate covered grandstand.

That was another fault connected with the organisation. Nowhere, apart from the venues for the usual indoor games like basketball played in the fine gymnasium at the George Washington High School, was there cover for the spectators. The result was that only the hardy souls, and Pressmen doing their job, watched the Games.

The only suitable facilities on Guam are those operating for the schools, which are well equipped for gymnastics, basketball, softball, volleyball and other games not requiring large fields. Agana, the capital (pronounced Aganya) has a swimming pool, which turned out to be a fine one, liked by all the swimmers. The swimming events were the best (and the only) organised of the sports.

As the schools are scattered over the island, so were the Games venues, which meant that they were many miles apart. No wonder, with everything scattered so far afield, the Games made an impact on the Guamanians like a snowflake hitting a hot tin roof.

Many venues—the soccer field was a case in point—were not even

fenced, so that it was hopeless to expect an income from spectators although competitors wanting to watch other sports had to pay for the privilege. That was rough, but so were most aspects of the whole affair, although I heard few complaints about the food, and, once the Guam people knew what all the strangers were doing on the island, they helped all they could. They could not have been more friendly and hospitable. The voluntary committees also did a good job.

There were frustrations galore. Most of the Games equipment was ordered at the last minute (it was last minute in everything!) and wasn't there when it was needed. The weightlifters hadn't any weights for pre-Games training. The poles for the pole vault are still in Japan. And most of the equipment and the uniforms that were in the hands of the local organisers were not handed out until the last minute.

There were bottlenecks created by disputes between politicians and commerce over the supply of equipment from Japan, and many people blamed most of the Games mess on interference by politicians, from the ex-Governor downwards. The ex-Governor, Carlos Camacho, was opposed to the Games from the start, because, I was told, he wasn't informed Guam was going to invite the Games to come there. He, in 1972, opposed spending any money on the Games.

(Camacho was beaten in the election for governor and he now faces, along with former Lieutenant-Governor Kurt S. Moylan and nine other ex-government officials, indictment on charges of felonies ranging from embezzlement and falsification of accounts to presenting false claims for government funds involving about \$US3.28 million).

But most people blame, not the politicians for the mess, but self-seeking Games officials, headed by Guam Games Council President Theodore Nelson. They accuse him of empire building, of self-glorification, of using the Games for political advancement and of being so dictatorial that many refused to work with him.

Mr Nelson was certainly blamed by some for the very embarrassing situation which arose at the start through the presence of a soccer team from Australia's northern Queensland, which clamoured for a place in the Games despite the fact that the Games Charter says that only Island government members of the South Pacific Commission, which fathered the Games, can be represented. The Queenslanders actually arrived on Guam at a cost to themselves of \$15,000 expecting to play in the official competition, only to be told they had no business there.

Their officials said Mr Nelson had told them they could come. Mr Nelson, in my presence, said he had learned in time that they wouldn't be welcomed and his last message to them a few days before their departure from Cairns was to stay at home. They denied receiving any message but two junior staff assured me they had seen the cable.

In cash and kind, it has been estimated that the Games will cost Guam around \$US1.0 million. But some officials think that costs spiralled in the last few weeks and that there will be some more bills presented, payment for which has not been authorised. As at the time of writing, there were fears that the Guam Government coffers won't contain enough to pay next month's wages, anyhow, the Guam Government won't leave a nice taste in the mouth of Guam or the rest of the Pacific.

In fact, so far as the Seiko people were concerned, it was a distinct sour taste. Seiko, the watch manufacturers in Japan, had sent a full team of technicians to Guam to operate the sophisticated electronic timing equipment which, costing around \$30,000, they had loaned to the SPG.

But there's no money in the Gamakitty, and Seiko may have to pay its own bills.

A fiery rocket for Guam

So dissatisfied was the Games Council at the showing in Guam that council members meeting in Guam agreed that although Vila is nominated as the site for the Sixth Games in 1978, it will not be confirmed until the council has satisfied itself in the next 12 months that planning in the New Hebrides is going ahead properly. The difficulty in Guam was that once the organising committee had been constituted for the Guam Games there was no easy machinery available to the council to have the Games site transferred elsewhere, despite its growing apprehension about Guam's planning efforts. The following resolution, and its preamble, drafted by the New Caledonians, was passed by the South Pacific Games Council in Guam after having been signed by leaders of all the visiting countries:

- The undersigned territories, considering:
- the deep concern among the delegations caused by the lack of organisation of the opening ceremony, which was so remote in spirit from those of the previous Games, the inclement weather conditions being insufficient to account for it;
 - their surprise at the attitude of Guam officials in the following points: Apart from the dignitaries present, hardly 200 people attended the opening ceremony. The insistence of Guam to organise these Games when other experienced former organisers of the Games were very doubtful about the outcome when they visited Guam in 1974 and 1975 and expressed their concern, after inspecting the existing facilities;
 - the complete disorganisation, both material and psychological, in both camps, the non-completion of most venues, the incompetence of Guam officials;
 - the importance of expenses incurred by all participating territories to be present at the Fifth South Pacific Games, the amount of work and time devoted to the preparation of athletes totally out of proportion with what Guam has to offer;
 - the blatant non-respect of the Charter in inviting a North Queensland soccer team to take part in these Games; and
 - considering many other various reasons for discontent which lead to the conclusion that Guam has not met with the strict requirements of such an organisation and has more than disappointed the particular territories;
- CONSEQUENTLY MOVE THAT: The South Pacific Games Council which is about to convene in Guam limits itself to nominate the next host territory for the Sixth South Pacific Games, and that a meeting of the next South Pacific Games Council be convened in the nominated territory next year so that Council can work in the peaceful and calm atmosphere which is necessary to set up a normal organisation of the South Pacific Games.

HOW THEY DID AT THE GAMES

Even the rain couldn't dilute the athletes' spirit!

Sixteen records were broken in 35 events which comprised the athletics, four less than at the Tahiti Games. Four less! The wonder is that any records were broken, considering the conditions encountered on what passed for a sports amphitheatre on Guam.

If anything at Guam reached disaster's brink it was the athletics. The heroes, and heroines, were the athletes and Papua New Guinea's officials. Three months ago, there wasn't a venue for athletics. A few days before the first starting pistol was fired, there wasn't a running track. A few hours before the start, there was a track of sorts, still incomplete.

There was no one to complete it until the PNG officials turned up. Some of them had engineering experience. They buckled to and had the track ready. Then it rained. The track, a combination of compacted coral and clay—or so it seemed—was inches under water on that first Saturday evening and the start was postponed until the Monday.

From then on, the athletics continued without another hitch but under extremely difficult conditions. The athletes were tremendous. So were the PNG officials, all experienced in running athletics. Without them—chaos!

The international juror, Sydney-based Mr Arthur Hodsdon, of the Oceania Council of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, was bitter in his criticism, not of the Guam people, but of the United States Amateur Athletic Union.

"I admire the tremendous spirit of these people on Guam who didn't realise what they were undertaking with the Games", Mr Hodsdon said. "I don't propose to blast them when I return home and make my report. But I hope that, after I make my

The grimace of victory—That final burst brought a gold to Fiji's champion woman athlete Marion Kadavu Chambault (centre) in the 100 metres dash with New Hebridean Georgette Delplane (left) close behind. D. Lemen (PNG) (right) was fourth.

complaints to the federation and to the United States AAU, it will have such a repercussion that the Americans will take great care, if the Games go again to American territory, to play their part".

Despite the poor facilities, despite the continuous rain and the absence of real support from spectators, the athletes staged a great show. How they were able to perform as they did, hampered by the fact that there was no shelter from the rain when they were waiting their turn to compete, everyone wondered.

But the athletes didn't fail. They really saved the Fifth South Pacific Games. Rain couldn't dampen the sporting spirit, which was evident in all the teams although some of the Frenchmen, in the opinion of others, did too much grumbling.

Grousers or not, the Frenchmen, and French women, led the field, particularly the New Caledonians who took 12 gold medals. Fiji was only one gold medal behind, which restored some of the confidence which had drained from the Fijians as they viewed their lack of achievement in other sports.

From champion country at the First South Pacific Games in Fiji in 1963, Fiji dropped to second at Noumea in 1966, third at Port Moresby in 1969, and fourth at Tahiti in



1971. They stayed fourth at Guam.

Happily for them, they still had good support for athletics at home and had no reason to be ashamed of their performance at Guam. In fact, with just a little luck, they would have come out in front of the athletics field.

The country which can keep head very high is Tonga. Its full team at the Games numbered three competitors, the brother Saniseti and Alipeti Latu and woman ath-



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Athletics highlights . . . Left (on opposite page) Clement Poaniewa (New Caledonia) makes his magnificent high jump to clear a record 2.10 metres. Above, Usaia Sotutu of Fiji wins the 1,500 metres with the PNG pair, W. Hoffagao (15) and Mike Joyce (5) in close attendance. At right, Danielle Guyonnet, of French Polynesia, the women's pentathlon champion, in her record high jump of 1.78 metres.

Losaline Faka'ata, with team manager Siaosi Palelei.

They went home with two gold medals, a silver and a bronze, more medals per head than any other team. Winner of the two golds was Saniseti Latu, aged 22, who's now studying in Melbourne. He won the 110 metres hurdles and the decathlon—the hardest test for an athlete—and his brother, two years older, won a silver in the decathlon and a bronze in the pole vault.

There were several outstanding athletes—John Kokinai, of PNG, a long-distance runner who took three gold medals and a silver; A. Lazare, who won the marathon and took a silver and bronze in other long-distance events; hefty Arnljot Beer, of New Caledonia, first in the discus and shot put and second in the hammer and the Poaniewa brothers, of New Caledonia, who staged a thrilling display of high jumping and sportsmanship rarely equalled in the Games.

Clement Poaniewa, who is only 17, seven years younger than his brother, won the high jump with a record 2.10 metres (6 ft 11 in.) after a duel with his brother Paul, who finished with 2.08m. Pierre Leontieff, of French Polynesia, was third.

Paul was favourite to win. And no wonder. He's high jump champion of France with 2.26 m, only .04 m under the Olympic record. But Paul, swore the experts watching the duel, gave the contest to Clement. After clearing 2.08 m, Paul failed with the higher jump. The experts said that he "dragged his knee" while going over the bar and knocked it off each time he jumped. The brothers em-

braced at the close of the contest.

Next day Paul left for France to compete in the European championships.

Long-distance runner John Kokinai, who is 27, and a Bougainvillean, toppled Usaia Sotutu from his throne, which he has occupied as a long-distance champion since the 1969

VILA FOR NEXT GAMES—PERHAPS!

The Sixth South Pacific Games, barring accidents or a change of mind by the Games Council, will be staged at Vila in the New Hebrides in 1978.

The Games Council, meeting half-way through the Guam Games, considered three applications for the next Games—from the New Hebrides, from the Solomon Islands and from Fiji, but, according to some officials, not one application complied with the regulations in every respect.

Fiji invalidated its application by making a proviso that the invitation was for 1979—but article one says the Games shall be held every third year a period which can be varied only if there is a clash with the Olympic Games.

The Games Council, however, decided to overlook a discrepancy so far as the New Hebrides' application was concerned and "awarded" them the Sixth Games.

Games. John did not enter for the 1,500 metres which was Usaia's only gold, but he took the golds in the 5,000, the 10,000 and the 3,000 metres steeplechase and was only 40 metres behind A. Lazare, of New Caledonia, in the marathon.

Papua New Guinea officials, after the marathon, considered protesting but decided against it. John, reluctantly, complained that Lazare's supporters along the route—the race started at 4am and the way was lit by car headlights—hampered him. A photographer continually operated a flash which, for seconds, left Kokinai almost blinded.

The women athletes also put on a splendid display. They were not behind the men in their successful and heroic battle with bad weather and poor facilities. It was the Fiji women, who really put the dominion in the sporting picture. Their share of Fiji's athletic medals was seven golds, nine silver and four bronze.

The outstanding feature of the women's events was the struggle between the French and the Fijians with the main personal rivals Danielle Guyonnet, of French Polynesia, and Marion Kadavu Chambault, of Fiji. Marion acquired her French surname from her husband whom she met at the Tahiti Games.

The two girls, grand all-rounders, as runners, hurdlers and jumpers, staged duel after duel.

Their biggest duel was the pentathlon, which was won by Danielle with 3,703 points, only 30 points in front of Marion. Danielle's medal count was four golds and a bronze; Marion's three golds, three silvers and a bronze.



Western Samoa's Paul Wallwork wins the weightlifters' middle-heavyweight gold medal.

the great embarrassment of their countrymen.

They decided to quit because organisation was bad and the Guam officials wouldn't finance a trip to Japan to enable them to complete their training.

As the Frenchmen outnumbered the rest by five to one, it wasn't surprising that they took 21 of the 23 medals on offer.

New Caledonia captured five golds, three silver and three bronze, French Polynesia, a gold, two silver and seven bronze, and American Samoa had a silver and a bronze.

With this sort of setup, with domination by one or two countries of sports which are confined to those countries, it's little wonder that countries like New Caledonia can look so good in the medals table.

The golfing breed of PNG

They seem to breed good golfers in Papua New Guinea. As in 1969 and 1971, her golfers cleared the board of gold medals, taking the two individual events and the two team events.

No doubt Papua New Guinea is thankful golf was introduced into the Games programme in 1969. With such golfing calibre, PNG can almost guarantee she will have several golds even before the Games start. J. Wilkinson and Mrs J. M. Munden dominated the golf in 1969/71 but new names went into the gold list at Guam.

Playing under atrocious conditions, and rained off several times, John Keating, of Lae, brought off a surprise win. He had been trailing in fourth place but in the final round he shot a one over par 73 to win

FRENCH WIN TENNIS EVEN WITHOUT N'GODRELLA

The pattern set at the Tahiti Games seems to have been repeated in almost every sport at Guam, and tennis was no exception. New Caledonia had most success—as was expected months before, because no one could beat the great Wanaro N'Godrella who, PIM reported at Papeete, "led, everybody followed".

But N'Godrella didn't play at Guam. To every keen tennis fan, thinking of the game rather than of its politics, it was a great disappointment, but no one was more disappointed than he was.

With nine gold medals from three previous Games, he was confident that he would take another three at Guam but several territories, including the New Hebrides, charged that he was a professional and, as such, barred from the Games. Ranked number five in France, he is a member of the French Davis Cup team and has played at a number of international tournaments including the US Open at Forest Hills, Wimbledon, the French Open and the Australian Open. And, he's taken money.

When his position was questioned at Guam, the SPG Council asked the International Tennis Federation office in Melbourne for a ruling. They said he was a professional. Mr N'Godrella appealed to the federation office in Paris. They said he was not a professional but a "player".

The London office had the last word. "He's a professional".

He was sad and disgusted, he said. "I'm not an amateur, but I'm not a professional either", he explained. "Today, there are only two categories of tennis players as established by the federation. Either you are a professional or you're a player, and belong to the latter group."

"A professional plays for the money and tennis is his full-time job. We play for the competition and the exposure and the money we get from the international circuit doesn't often cover our expenses".

Mr N'Godrella, who is employed by a sporting goods company in Paris, expressed the hope that, in the future, the people involved in Games tournaments would somehow realise that there are now no amateurs in international tennis, just professionals and players.

With him out of the running, competition was more open, at least as far as the players were concerned but the French still dominate. French Polynesia and New Caledonia took two golds each, Papua New Guinea took the remaining gold.

Bad weather plagued the competition all the week and two bronze were not decided.

As with lawn tennis, so it was with the table variety—almost a complete sweep by the French. French Polynesia had five golds, four silver and a bronze, Fiji two golds, New Caledonia a gold and silver and PNG one gold, silver and bronze.

from his team mates, Greg Fennell and Phil Frame. He had six strokes on Fennell and seven on Frame. Gus Gogue, of Guam, led for the first three rounds but faded away under pressure from the PNG golfers.

Guam's women champion, who rejoices in the name of Jake King, put up a good fight against PNG newcomer Ismay Trevena but Mrs Trevena took the gold with 357 strokes against Mrs King's 359.

PNG men's team, John Keating, Greg Fennell and Phil Frame took all three medals in the individual and, with James Wu making the fourth man in the team event, PNG men took the gold with Guam second and Fiji third.

Fiji's Rahmat Ali, the dominion's open champion, was fancied for a medal but he was well down the list.

A REVERENT GESTURE

Has anyone ever seen a bishop kissed by a pretty girl? Guests at a fiesta did, after the Games Pontifical High Mass in Agana Cathedral on the first Sunday after the opening. Bishop Felixberto Flores was in the queue for gifts handed out by Miss Tahiti (20-year-old Moea Amiot). Each recipient was kissed in that delightful French custom by Miss Tahiti. Came the bishop's turn. Would she, or wouldn't she? She did. From the expression on the ecclesiastical countenance, his Lordship was either thunder-struck, or delighted.



Milton Ie of French Polynesia (right) and Billy Forest (New Caledonia) trade punches in a bantamweight bout which Ie won on points.

Samoa's golden gloves

What's happened to Fiji's boxing hopes? In the early Games her boxers collected more than their share of gold medals, but at Guam they didn't get one gold, only three silvers.

Maybe, the fact that in the last few years there was bitterness between Suva's two amateur clubs, Charman's All Races and the Suva Youth Centre, has had something to do with Fiji's fade-out.

The Samoans took most golds, American Samoa and Western Samoa going home with three each. The remaining five were shared by Papua New Guinea and New Caledonia, two each, and the New Hebrides one. Fiji's three silver medalists were S. Vei (lightweight), S. Ratu (light-middleweight) and B. Timo (light-heavyweight).

Western Samoa got two silvers, American Samoa one, PNG two and New Caledonia and French Polynesia one each.

One of the heroes of the ring was PNG's Tumat Sogolik, a bantamweight, who boxed French Polynesian Milton Ie in the final. Despite a sprained left hand, Sogolik won the gold with his speciality, a left hook.

As was the case with several sports, host territory officials were criticised for their unpreparedness and ignorance of the sport.

The international juror for boxing, AIBA vice-president John Castle, of Sydney, was bitter because, he said,

Guam's officials and referees had very little knowledge of amateur boxing.

He complained that a seminar held before the start, revealed almost complete ignorance of the amateur boxing rules, and warned that future boxing fixtures at the South Pacific Games would not be sanctioned by the AIBA unless a hard core of international referees was present.

To keep events moving, Mr Castle said, he made many dispensations which did not comply with international rules.

"My back is sore from bending the rules", he said. "I have never made so many dispensations and experienced so many difficulties".

And he should know. He has been around for international Games, the Olympics, the Commonwealth, the European Amateur Boxing championships and others for years.

Guam Boxing Association's reply through its president, Mr R. Afflague, was that Guam's referees had licences for professional bouts only, and added: "Mr Castle didn't come early enough to give us a lecture in amateur boxing rules".

● In the cycling, the most remote of all events, New Caledonia took five of the six golds; Tahiti took the sixth. Individual gold medalists were L. Dubois, D. Cornaille and J. Testard, all of New Caledonia, and M. B. Du Pont, French Polynesia.

Tahiti's girls sweep the pool

Of all the sports in the Guam Games, swimming was the most successful. For one thing, the shocking weather had little effect on the swimmers and the rain didn't affect the course, although it made the going hard for the spectators, most of whom were colleagues and supporters of the overseas teams.

As with all outdoor facilities, with the exception of softball, there was no cover for spectators but the swimming was so good and so many records were tumbling one after another, that the watchers kept their enthusiasm to the end.

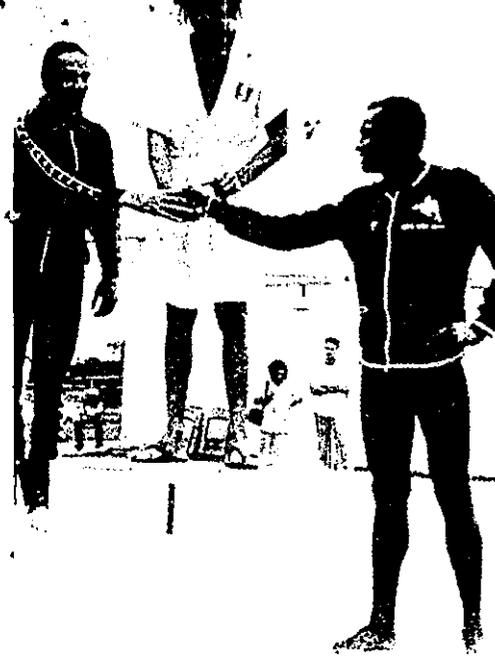
For once, Guam deserved congratulations for a sports facility. The pool, in Agana city itself, was as good as it could be. All the swimmers, especially the golden girls of the French territories who dominated the scene, praised the conditions. The water was clearer than at home, they said, and made for faster swimming.

There was no doubt about the faster swimming. All 10 records were broken by the women—women? Most were early teenagers. There were also two new events for both men and women with records set.

The men broke eight old records. Thousands of words have been written after past Games over the brilliant swimming of New Caledonian Marie-Jose Kersaudy, who, by the time she was 18—at the Tahiti Games in 1971—had won 21 gold medals. She said after Tahiti that she would retire in favour of a university course in France. She did and wasn't at Guam. It was thought that others, who had trailed behind Marie-Jose, would get their chance at future Games. But, no, New Caledonia has produced new champions, all around Marie-Jose's age when she started her gold prospecting.

None of them collected as many as Marie-Jose at a single Games but three came near. Petite Yolaine Saminadin, aged 15, took six golds (200 metres, 400 metres, 800 metres freestyle, and three team events); team-mate Patricia LeGras had five golds (two in breaststroke events), and another New Caledonian, Danielle Maussion, four.

The first gold in the Games was won by French Polynesian Maeva Lavigne, 19, who broke the first record, winning the 100 metres free-



Golden sail for Guam

Whatever happened to the Tahiti yachtsmen who swept the board at the Tahiti Games? There, they took all three places. At Guam, on beautiful Apra Harbour, there wasn't a French sail to be seen.

The 12 yachtsmen were from anywhere but the French territories, though one, Allan Holmes, was from the New Hebrides—the "English" sector.

The 14 ft Laser was used for the competition and proved popular with the entrants though the Guam crew had had little experience with them. That didn't matter, however, Guam's Phil Drips took the gold medal, losing only 19.7 points, comfortably ahead of Papua New Guinea's Kevin Read, 30.4, and Fiji's Bill Gardiner, 37.7.

Bill Gardiner had a good lead over the field after the first three races but the pressure was too much for him and he gradually slipped behind as his finishing position in subsequent races worsened. For Drips, the last three races were under the best possible conditions—heavy winds, just right for a heavy sailor. Earlier, winds had varied from moderate, to light, to calm.

Gardiner, at 21, was the second youngest competitor. The youngest was Fa'avave Foifua, an 18-year-old American Samoan girl, who competed against 11 men under the same conditions and wasn't last. She came 11th.

"I felt pretty good being the only girl", she said.

Allan Holmes, of New Hebrides, had a large-size chip on his shoulder.

He told PIM arrangements and food were "pretty lousy". Guam's Yacht Club, he said, was splendid but he and his yachting colleagues spent fortune on taxi fares.

The international juror for yachting, Mike Tattersall, of Auckland had more than an official interest in the competition. The Lasers came from his factory which makes them under franchise from a Canadian firm. They build about 15 a week and export 40 per cent all over the Pacific.

Off Merizo, near Guam's Umatac Bay, was a different kind of water sport—underwater spearfishing, the only sport with no human spectators though some of the land-based sports had only a handful, so far removed from the Games scene were some of the events.

The French Polynesians, who go in for the sport in a big way, had things much their own way. They took the team gold with more than double the points—awarded for each fish caught and weight of catch—of the silver medallists, New Caledonia, with Wallis & Futuna, more Frenchmen, in third place. All three individual medals went to French Polynesia.

Soccer made little impact on the Games. It was exiled to the Washington High playing fields and never attracted more than 200 spectators at any time—and most of those were other competitors housed only yards away.

French Polynesia took the soccer gold with New Caledonia second and the Solomons (total medals six) the bronze.

Below, the Solomon Islands goalkeeper flies through the air for a save in the soccer match with Guam.

The men's 100 metres breaststroke medalists shake hands; from the left, G. Burke of Guam (silver), F. Hunter of French Polynesia (gold) and O. Moi of Papua New Guinea (bronze).

style in one minute, 4.63 seconds, which was .8 of a second under the record established at Tahiti in 1971 by Marie-Jose Kersaudy. Maeva, 19, got a team silver at Tahiti and was one of the few girls in the Guam pool to have appeared at other Games. Her tally at Guam was two golds, three silvers and two bronzes.

Games swimming, it seems, is becoming the early teenagers' preserve, and, at 19, Maeva is almost an oldie.

French Polynesia, which gave indications at the Tahiti Games of becoming a force in the swimming world, maintained her improvement, especially in the men's events when her men took 16 golds, 12 of them in team events, three silver and four bronze.

As French Polynesia improved on her Tahiti Games performance, Papua New Guinea lost some ground though not a lot. Charlie Martin, now 19, the star at Papeete, was still the star when the Guam Games ended. He collected four golds—he had six gold and two silver at Tahiti—and four silver medals. Four of his golds were for individual swims.

His nearest rival was H. Noble, of French Polynesia, a newcomer to the Games, who had five golds, three of them in team events, a silver and a bronze.

Another newcomer, PNG's Mark Hutchings, aged 16, swam a great race to win the 1,500 metres free-style, which left him exhausted.



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