

Weightlifting - a success- in Apia !!

- 25 countries competing
- 214 competitors (Women 109, Men 105)
- National & International TV coverage

- Large crowds
- IWF attending
- World class set-up



The Games in Samoa are over. Weightlifting was undoubtedly one of the most successful sports at the Pacific Games. For the first time at a Pacific Games we witnessed a World Youth Record. And for the very first time in Pacific Games history, the Oceania and Commonwealth Championships were held in conjunction with the games. For the first time ever, 25 countries took part. It was also history making when women participants in our sport was higher than the men. 109 women competed and 105 men competed. A total of 214 competitors.

The television coverage was excellent with Brendon Telfer doing a great job as usual. The crowd was large and extremely enthusiastic. For the second time in the history of the games, we had the pleasure of having the President of the IWF, Dr. Tamas Ajan. Also for the first in attendance was the General Secretary of the IWF, Mohammed Jalood. From Malaysia we had the President of the CWF, Dato Ong Poh Eng. Attila Adamfi the IWF Director General was in attendance as the Technical Delegate.

The venue was of World Championships standard. The warm up area had 9 platforms. All other facilities were provided within the stadium such as the weigh-in, rest rooms, saunas, and also anti-doping. It was nice to see so many lifters at the Opening Ceremony of the Pacific Games, chosen to be their countries flag bearers.



Every day we witnessed great battles, with many of the categories decided on the last lift. The technical officials did a splendid job. The competition ran smoothly with no hiccups at all. Bowen Stuart, Trent Dabwido and Michael Noonan, did an excellent job with the setup of the competition system. Lyn Jones did an exceptional job as the MC for the tournament.

The event ran like clockwork under the leadership of Jerry Wallwork and his team of volunteers.

As a special note, at the 1997 Mini Pacific Games in Pago Pago, the weightlifting event was fully dominated by Nauru. But this one country dominance stopped once the Institute started in 2002. Many countries took advantage of the institute program and as it moved from Fiji, to Samoa and into New Caledonia, it left a trail of success. Today the medals - gold, silver and bronze - are spread throughout the Oceania. With Australia, Samoa, New Zealand, Tonga, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Wallis & Futuna, Kiribati, Nauru, Guam, American Samoa, Marshall Islands, all sharing in the medal takings at the Pacific Games in Samoa.

OCEANIA CONGRESS

On July 8th, in the presence of Dr. Tamas Ajan – IWF President, Mohammed Jalood – IWF General Secretary, Dato Ong – CWF President, Mr. Attila Adamfi – IWF Director General, and Mr. Andrew Minogue – Executive Director of the Pacific Games Council, the OWF held its Annual Congress at the Tano International Hotel in Apia.

Nineteen countries attended the Congress. Reports were duly made during the Congress. Nauru won the bid against Samoa to host the 2020 Oceania Senior, Junior and Youth Championships and Olympic Qualification Event. To be noted, the CWF also awarded the 2020 Commonwealth Senior, Junior and Youth Championships to Nauru to be run in conjunction with the Oceania Championships.



ANTI-DOPING SEMINAR

During the games a successful anti-doping seminar was conducted by Dr. Moni Kami and this was very well attended by many athletes and officials.



ELITE COACHING SEMINAR

In addition a very successful elite coaches seminar was conducted by Lyn Jones, member of the IWF Coaching and Scientific Committee and Chairperson of the CWF Coaching Committee. Many top Oceania coaches and also Commonwealth coaches were in attendance from Wales, Nauru, Australia, Niue, American Samoa, Barbados, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Guam, Northern Marianas, Fiji, New Caledonia.



PACIFIC GAMES GOLD MEDALLISTS

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ELSON BRECHTEFELD -NAURU, GOLD GOLD GOLD

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MOREA BARU – PAPUA NEW GUINEA, GOLD GOLD GOLD

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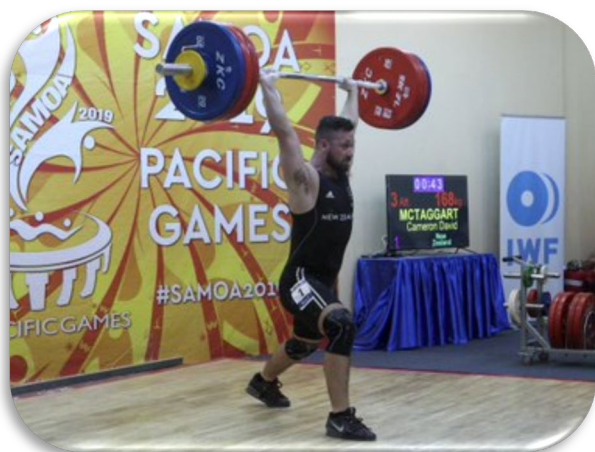


BRANDON WAKELING -AUSTRALIA 2 GOLD



TARETITA TABAROUA- KIRIBATI 1 GOLD

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CAMERON MCTAGGART -NZL 2 GOLD



JACK OPELOGE - SAMOA - 1 GOLD

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DON OPELOGE -SAMOA, GOLD GOLD GOLD



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STEVEN KARI - PNG 2 GOLD



ISRAEL KAIKILEKOFFE -W&F 1 GOLD

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DAVID KATOATAU - KIRIBATI 2 GOLD



PETUNU OPELOGE -SAMOA 1 GOLD

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SANELE MAO -SAMOA , GOLD GOLD GOLD

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LAUITTI LUI - SAMOA 1 GOLD



AISAKE TUITUPOU -TONGA 2 GOLD

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TEBORA WILLY - KIRIBATI, GOLD GOLD GOLD



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DIKA TOUA - PAPUA NEW GUINEA, GOLD GOLD GOLD

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MARY LIFU – SOLOMON ISLANDS, GOLD GOLD GOLD

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ERIKA YAMASAKI - AUSTRALIA, GOLD GOLD GOLD

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KIANA ELLIOTT - AUSTRALIA, GOLD GOLD GOLD

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EBONY GORINCU – AUSTRALIA 1 GOLD



MAXIMINA UEPÄ - NAURU 2 GOLD

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KANAH ANDREWS-NAHU NEW ZEALAND, GOLD GOLD GOLD

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LEOTINA PETELO -SAMOA, GOLD GOLD GOLD

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KAITLYN FASSINA - AUSTRALIA, GOLD GOLD GOLD

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LAUREL HUBBARD -NZL 2 GOLD



LUNLARA SIPALA - SAMOA 1 GOLD

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