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4th Beach volleyball world schools championship - TAHITI 2017

They are world champions !



All week everybody dreaded Brazil winning all the finals. In spite of their obvious superiority this great country did stumble ONCE !

The Brazilian hegemony was broken by the two young American girls U18 who won the final. The teams in green and yellow prevailed in the five other categories anyway thanks to their outstanding performances.



Final results

- * U14 girls :
- Brazil defeats Polynesia : 2 - 0
(21/14 – 21/16)
- * U14 boys :
- Brazil defeats Latvia : 2 - 0
(21/07 – 21/10)
- * U16 girls :
- Brazil defeats Poland : 2 – 1
(21/16 – 15/21 – 15/11)
- * U16 boys :
- Brazil defeats India : 2 – 0
(21/10 – 21/13)
- * U18 girls :
- USA defeats Brazil : 2 – 1
(12/21 – 21/18 – 15/08)
- * U18 boys :
- Brazil defeats China : 2–0
(21/06—21/10)

TAHITI 2017 medal winners

	 GOLD	 SILVER	 BRONZE
U 14 girls	Brazil	French Polynesia	Slovenia
U14 boys	Brazil	Latvia	Polynesia
U 16 girls	Brazil	Poland	Germany
U 16 boys	Brazil	India	Israël
U 18 girls	USA	Brazil	Chile
U 18 boys	Brazil	China	Poland



Medal winners....

Tahiti U14 in bronze !



The verdict was announced on Friday morning, just before the finalists took possession of To'ata sand. The Polynesian boys U14 match against India was particularly expected for the 3rd place. And « They did it ! » Ariinui, Raanui et Ahei are granted the third spot on the world podium for two years !

Note that each of the third places is occupied by a different nation.

Match results For the bronze medal

- * U14 boys :
 - **Polynesia** defeats India : 2 - 1 (21/15 - 18/21 - 15/9)
- * U14 girls :
 - **Slovenia** defeats China : 2 - 0 (21/10 - 21/13)
- * U16 boys :
 - **Israël** defeats USA : 2 - 1 (18/21 - 21/19 - 15/10)
- * U16 girls :
 - **Germany** defeats China : 2 - 1 (21/17 - 16/21 - 15/11)
- * U18 boys :
 - **Poland** defeats India : 2 - 1 (21/17 - 20/22 - 15/10)
- * U18 girls :
 - **Chile** defeats China : 2 - 0 (21/08 - 21/07)

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The last game rankings

- * U16 boys : group competitions 5 to 10
 - Germany defeats Latvia : 2-0
 - Polynesia A defeats China : 2-0
 - Latvia defeats Polynesia B : 2-1
 - France defeats Germany : 2-1
- * U18 girls : group competitions 5 to 9
 - Italy defeats India : 2-0
 - Italy defeats Polynesia B : 2-0
 - Israel defeats Polynesia B : 2-1
- * U18 boys : group competitions 5 to 9
 - Israel defeats Polynesia B : 2-0
 - Chile defeats Italy : 2-0
 - Israel defeats Polynesia A : 2-0



U14 girls		U14 boys		U16 girls		U16 boys		U18 girls		U18 boys	
1	Brazil	1	Brazil	1	Brazil	1	Brazil	1	USA	1	Brazil
2	Polynesia	2	Latvia	2	Poland	2	India	2	Brazil	2	China
3	Slovenia	3	Polynesia	3	Germany	3	Israël	3	Chile	3	Poland
4	China	4	India	4	China	4	USA	4	China	4	India
5	Germany	5	China	5	Polynesia	5	France	5	Italy	5	Israël
6	France			6	India	6	Germany	6	Israël	6	Chile
				7	France	7	Polynesia A	7	Polynesia A	7	Polynesia B
				8	Israël	8	China	8	Polynesia B	8	Italy
						9	Polynesia B	9	India	9	Polynesia A
						10	Latvia				



The newspaper from our young reporters ... the newspaper from our young reporters ...



Central referee

During these World School Championships players' names are on everybody's lips but we may have forgotten about our referees.

Here is one of them, Tegaripa Vaima from Aorai High School. She is a central referee in these competitions with 16 other Tahitian referees and several foreign ones from China, Germany, France and Brazil. For the sake of impartiality, we have to point out that local referees are not chosen for games in which a Polynesian team competes.

There are 2 positions for referees and Vaima occupies one and then the other. The central referee is the one we see sitting on a high referee chair. The second referee is standing lower but both of them watch the game and report the fouls. They take the decisions according to the rules and decide if the point is scored or not. However if the two officials disagree, the central referee has the final say.

Vaima may referee the games tomorrow but since the referees are chosen randomly she will only know a short time before the beginning of the finals.

Original French text written by Hereiti, Collège Tevane

The VIP section

We met Tetuitahi who is a student at the CETAD in Papara. She is in the VIP section, in charge of welcoming the guests and tending to their needs. A barman and two waitresses are working with her. There were many VIP last Monday and Tuesday. Tetuitahi enjoys training here because she likes being in contact with dynamic people. There are always four students doing their separate job in the VIP section but if it becomes crowded they help one another. At the end of the day she feels happy and satisfied. This experience teaches her how to become autonomous.



Original French text written by Temeio, 4^e Collège Maco Tevane.

Young official

The young official I have interviewed is Oraya. He is in the first year of middle school in Teva I Uta and he lives in Papara.

He is taking charge of the courts with other pupils of his team by retrieving the balls, levelling the sand so players do not hurt themselves, putting the lines of the court in place at every moment and even fetching the balls outside the playing grounds. These are all important tasks. Mr LIU, a PE teacher, has selected 16 young people from Papara town. They take turns between the different courts and follow the schedule they have got. They have breaks between the games to rest a bit because working in the sun is tiring!

Levelling the sand and retrieving the balls have been Oraya's favourite tasks so far.



Original French text written by Kealii, 4^e3 au Collège Maco Tevane.

TNTV Journalists

I have met Ruben Garbutt at the back of TNTV production department's van. His job is to capture each game which means filming with fixed cameras. He sends the images on the web, Facebook and Youtube at the same time. There are two cameras fixed on each court to cover the beach volleyball championships.



The second person I have interviewed is Oriano Tefau who is a journalist for TNTV. His job is to cover sport events and competitions, report the results and interview sportsmen to promote them.

For this very tournament he has found precise angles and new topics to deal with such as the young reporters, the volunteers, the officials, etc... He brings the photos, videos and interviews he took back to the station in La Mission neighbourhood, loads them on the computers and then has to edit them fast for the evening news bulletin.

Original French text written by Teura Tamahahe, 4^e du Collège Maco Tevane.





The team of the day

Slovenia loved it !



Head of the delegation : Nenad Pilipovic came with only one team of Girls U14 because of the expensive cost of the trip. Beach volleyball is developing slowly in Slovenia with the gradual building of sports facilities and the organisation of competitions in schools from local to national level with the finals. However the delegation who is here did not follow that path and was chosen because it has managed to find the money to pay for the trip. Nenad had to raise funds himself ! Slovenia has taken part in World School Championships in 2011 in Puerto Rico and this allows him to compare that event to this one (Tahiti 2017) : « *It is much better than in Puerto Rico and I would even say that the organisation is worthy of European Games !* » Nenad really enjoyed this edition : « *The welcoming at the airport was miraculous. I have never been welcomed so well during the 11 World competitions I have participated in. It will stay in my heart until I die ! It has been a very emotional week and I have to sort out all the different feelings I have. The only thing we knew about French Polynesia was « Bora Bora » so we did not really know what to expect but now we know that Polynesian people are extremely sweet and cheerful. I think the organisation is outstanding for a school level and it was great to have so many activities aside from the tournament like the day in Moorea or the night events. I thank Mr J-F Rico for everything. Of course there will always be some little problems like in every event this size but I say that whoever dares complain is stupid !* » In terms of sport we would have liked to defeat the Brazilian team but their country is really the strongest in the world in beach volleyball. So we will fight to get the bronze medal ! »



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China at full strength

Head of the delegation : Zhang Yan Jun. The Chinese delegation has a team in each of the 6 categories.

It is no news that Chinese sportsmen are ambitious and demanding and beach volleyball is no exception.



When we hear Zhang Yan Jun say that his country is willing to develop this sport which is thus becoming more popular it means we can expect quick and superb performances from them. But for now Zhang Yan Jun does not seem to have this state of mind : « *Of course we want to win but these championships are above all an opportunity for our players to participate in an exchange and meet other cultures. We hope to win all our games but the most important thing for us is to do our best.* »

About the way their delegation was welcomed, Zhang spoke positively : « *We loved it ! It was almost as if we were part of your people ! Some of us were a bit dissatisfied with the accommodations but the most important thing is to have a bed to sleep and a roof over your head. The site of the competition is splendid. It is very hot but the place is so beautiful that we forget about that. Regarding the organisation we also had a few problems but we will remain lenient since Tahiti is a small island.* »

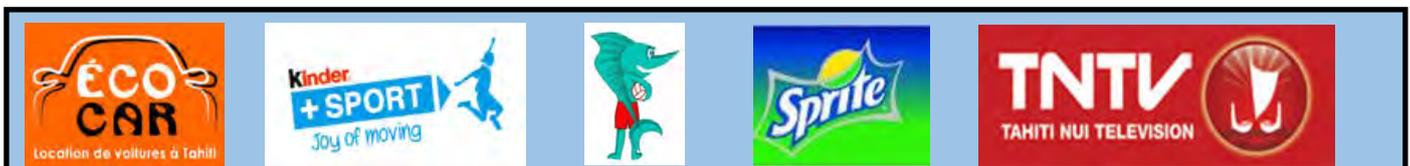
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The USA, newcomers in the ISF

Head of the delegation : Gino Grajeda. The American delegation is composed of two teams with Boys U16 and Girls U18 but also seven members from the players' families.

The USA have just joined in the ISF so this is their first participation in a related event. However the Americans have a great record in other Beach volleyball competitions. Gino states : « *Santa Monica, California is the birthplace of Beach volleyball in the USA since the 30s. Several tournaments are organised at every level and happen every week-end. The girls who came with me for example qualified by winning the national championship in Los Angeles last July. So our American delegation has come as guinea pigs to be able to report on the ISF organisation. This way we expect other teams from our country to take part in later vents in beach volleyball or other sports.* » Gino is quite happy about his teams' performances : « *The girls qualified for the final so of course we hope to get the gold medal. Boys will strive to get the bronze medal. I really want to thank Jean-Philippe Rico who has been our only contact and thanks to whom we got the help we needed.*

Moorea will be an unforgettable memory but we have also enjoyed interacting all week with youth from other countries. »





In honor of the 380 volunteers at your service

They were about 380 people divided into 15 commissions to work for the good development of these championships : school teachers, service providers, pupils and accompanying adults. So we wanted to pay tribute to their talent on the last day of this wonderful event because after all it is thanks to them that everything has been possible. It is also a great satisfaction to have been able to make our pupils take responsibilities every time it has been possible.

“Merci” to the security commission



To secure the different venues, with professionals but also with students being currently trained

“Merci” to the tour leaders



About fifty students, one per team, took care of the delegations, guided and informed them ... 24/7.

“Maururu” to the speakers



Atu, atu, atu... parara ! No doubt you won't forget about Carlos and Benoit, the presenters who have livened up these days of competition.



“Dziękuję” to our young people working at the Web-radio



Twelve pupils from Maco Tevane middle school wrote articles you could read in our columns. A great experience ! They thanked the organisation of transports in the following article.

“Grazie” to the court officials



A big group of pupils trained for the occasion to be ball-retrievers, sand levellers, etc... came from a dozen of schools.

“Thank you” to Tania



Our cheerful interpreter, always ready to answer and inform you in English, but also the official translator of this « Api News » newspaper.





“Vielen dank” to our young referees

They had also been trained specially for the occasion during weeks and they did their part perfectly.



Transportation unanimously acclaimed



Mrs Marielle Rousset is the manager of transport and a PE teacher. She has spent the last two years preparing transportation with Frank for these Beach volleyball Championships. Her job has been to find buses, organise their shuttle rotations every quarter of an hour from the accomodation sites to Paofai park.

Paul Gauguin High School has lended 2 buses while Henri Hiro, Hitia'a and AMJ middle schools have lended one each. The football federation has lended one too. From 3 PM onward 5 buses from NTCE company take care of the rotations and the town of Papeete has offered us to use another bus for additional rotations and for the night events.

Each driver has a detailed schedule and everything is perfectly assured. The drivers from different schools are rigorous, punctual and cheerful. Little story about how well they are doing their job, when some delegations ask them to go to the store, the beach or a hotel, etc... their answer is « No » (laughs) to the disappointment of the players. They are not allowed to answer favorably to these requests so they just follow the rules.

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“Obrigado” to the store



On the site everyday to put souvenirs from these 2017 World championships at your disposal.

“Gracias” to the Eco-friendly team



Four school occupied a stall to make you aware of the respect of nature and did not hesitate to roll up their sleeves to help cleaning the stands and the site.

“Paldies” to the accomodation commission



A heavy organisation to deal with, especially since catering was part of the job. The managers from Gauguin High School and the Hotel Management School must also be thanked for offering to turn their schools into accomodation sites.

“Merci” to the communication commission

A shock team, ably assisted by six students from St Joseph High School who had the





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