



THE
FEDERATION of INTERNATIONAL TOUCH

In conjunction with the
SOUTH PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL TOUCH COMMITTEE

Presents

RESULTS
and
STATISTICS

of the

S.P.I.T. INTERNATIONAL

SERIES 1998

FOREWORD

The South Pacific International Touch Series was a concept borne out of ideas put forward by the advanced thinkers of the sport within New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. It began as the brain child of Ann Hindson from the New Zealand Touch Association, who formulated an idea that competition between the strong Island groups would be an ideal lead up to the Trans Tasman Tests series against Australia, and a prelude to the 1999 World Cup.

Once the Island committees got together they expanded on the inspiration and the S.P.I.T event began to take shape as a stand alone tournament catering for not only New Zealand's demands but those of all the other participants. It quickly grew into what is going to be one of the highest level of elite competition for the Pacific Island communities outside of the World Cup.

A partnership between Niue, Samoa, New Zealand and the Maori national team, saw the first event played at Waitakere City Stadium before a crowd 2,000 thousand people. They witnessed one of the finest International Touch tournaments ever staged in New Zealand.

It is believed that additional Pacific Island Nations will attend future tournaments thus enhancing the status of the event amongst the International Touch fraternity and holding a permanent place on the International calendar. The importance of the first event was highlighted by the fact Australia sent five of their leading referees to assist the officiating during the series.

The attached statistics are designed to offer the reader an insight into the scores and closeness of many of the games. In contrast they also show the disparity of the teams at certain times. This document is a record of the event and its history and is dependant on everyone ensuring the accuracy of information contained therein. Please advise of any incorrect data.



Cary Thompson
President
Federation International Touch
1st May 1998

SOUTH PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL TOUCH SERIES

1998 - Waitakere City Stadium - New Zealand

RESULTS - 28th MARCH 1998

<u>Round 1</u>						
8:30 AM	Mixed	Maori	7	Samoa	5	OIM
		New Zealand	11	Niue	1	T
9:20 AM	Women	Maori	7	Samoa	3	OIM
		New Zealand	19	Niue	0	T
10:10 AM	Men	New Zealand	11	Niue	1	T
		Samoa	7	Maori	6	OIM
<u>Round 2</u>						
11:00 AM	Mixed	Maori	7	Niue	2	OIM
		New Zealand	13	Samoa	5	T
11:50 AM	Women	Maori	13	Niue	0	OIM
		New Zealand	12	Samoa	1	T
12:40 PM	Men	Maori	10	Niue	5	OIM
		New Zealand	10	Samoa	2	T
<u>Round 3</u>						
1:30 PM	Mixed	New Zealand	11	Maori	3	OIM
		Samoa	11	Niue	3	T
2:20 PM	Women	New Zealand	9	Maori	7	OIM
		Samoa	10	Niue	3	T
3:10 PM	Men	Maori	8	New Zealand	6	OIM
		Samoa	7	Niue	5	T
<u>FINALS</u>						
4:00 PM	Mixed	Maori	5	New Zealand	3	OIM
4:00 PM	Women	New Zealand	7	Maori	3	OIM
4:50 PM	Men	New Zealand	5	Maori	4	OIM

T = Test Match Status; OIM = Other International Match

MENS RESULTS

COMPETITION TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	Ave
New Zealand	3	2	1		27	11	7	2.45
Maori	3	2	1		24	18	7	1.33
Samoa	3	2	1		9	16	7	0.56
Niue	3		3		6	21	3	0.29
	12	6	6	0	66	66		

FINAL: New Zealand 5 d Maori 4

Player of the Series : **Mattie Mataio (Maori)**

New Zealand - 1st				
1	Niue	Won	11	1
2	Samoa	Won	10	2
3	Maori	Lost	6	8
F	Maori	Won	5	4
			32	15

Maori - 2nd				
1	Samoa	Lost	6	7
2	Niue	Won	10	5
3	New Zealand	Won	8	6
F	New Zealand	Lost	4	5
			28	23

Samoa - 3rd				
1	Maori	Won	7	6
2	New Zealand	Lost	2	10
3	Niue	Won	7	5
			16	21

Niue - 4th				
1	New Zealand	Lost	1	11
2	Maori	Lost	5	10
3	Samoa	Lost	5	7
			11	28

MENS ALLSTARS	
Ah Fook, Adrian	Samoa
Clemas, Barry	Maori
Gentles, Remus	New Zealand
Hoani, David	New Zealand
Kelly, John	New Zealand
Mataio, Mttie	Maori
Rigby, Simon	New Zealand
Silimaka, Jason	New Zealand
Skinner, Troy	New Zealand
Teika, Mahuta	Samoa
Tomai, John	New Zealand
Wall, Chris	New Zealand
Walters, Dashie	Maori
Walters, Peter	New Zealand

Coach
John Sekene
(Niue)

Manager
Ane Holamotu
(Niue)

Team played
the Australian
touring side
on 1/4/98 at
Manurewa

MENS TOURNAMENT TEAM	
Ah Fook, Adrian	Samoa
Brunsdon, Wade	Maori
Clemas, Barry	Maori
Faataiki, Latani	Niue
Fischer, Ivan	Maori
Heketoa, Dave	Maori
Laupepe, Va	Maori
Mataio, Mttie	Maori
Paris, Davis	Maori
Pihiigia, Vincent	Niue
Rogers, George	Maori
Teika, Mahuta	Samoa
Thompson, Kerry	Maori
Walters, Dashie	Maori

WOMENS RESULTS

COMPETITION TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	Ave
New Zealand	3	3			40	8	9	5.00
Maori	3	2	1		27	12	7	2.25
Samoa	3	1	2		14	22	5	0.64
Niue	3		3		3	42	3	0.07
	12	6	6	0	84	84		

FINAL: New Zealand 7 d Maori 3

Player of the Series : **Moana Saxton (Maori)**

New Zealand - 1st				
1	Niue	Won	19	0
2	Samoa	Won	12	1
3	Maori	Won	9	7
F	Maori	Won	7	3
			47	11

Maori - 2nd				
1	Samoa	Won	7	3
2	Niue	Won	13	0
3	New Zealand	Lost	7	9
F	New Zealand	Lost	3	7
			30	19

Samoa - 3rd				
1	Maori	Lost	3	7
2	New Zealand	Lost	1	12
3	Niue	Won	10	3
			14	22

Niue - 4th				
1	New Zealand	Lost	0	19
2	Maori	Lost	0	13
3	Samoa	Lost	3	10
			3	42

WOMENS ALLSTARS	
Bray, Patsy	Maori
Davis, Sonya	Maori
Hardegger, Monicia	New Zealand
Heather, Marion	Samoa
Katene, Tui	New Zealand
Kidd, Nicola	New Zealand
Kingi, Mere	New Zealand
Marsh, Ketu	Maori
Ngawati, Cynthia	New Zealand
Rangitaawa, Amigene	New Zealand
Saba, Yvette	New Zealand
Saxton, Moana	Maori
Te Hiko, Awhina	New Zealand
Wihone, Janie	New Zealand

Coach
Greg Redman
(Samoa)

Manager
Andrew Apiti
(Samoa)

Team played
the Australian
touring side
on 1/4/98 at
Manurewa

WOMENS TOURNAMENT TEAM	
Bray, Patsy	Maori
Castle, Jennifer	Maori
Davis, Sonya	Maori
Dawson, Aroha	Maori
Heather, Marion	Samoa
Henson, Lee	Maori
Marsh, Emerina	Maori
Marsh, Ketu	Maori
Marsh, Suzie	Samoa
Naseri, Margaret	Samoa
Pati, Brenda	Samoa
Perry, Louise	Maori
Saxton, Moana	Maori
Sio, Felicity	Samoa

MIXED RESULTS

COMPETITION TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	Ave
New Zealand	3	3			35	9	9	3.89
Maori	3	2	1		17	18	7	0.94
Samoa	3	1	2		21	23	5	0.91
Niue	3		3		6	29	3	0.21
	12	6	6	0	79	79		

FINAL: Maori 5 d New Zealand 3

Player of the Series : **Paula Tahiei (New Zealand)**
Player of the Series : **John Andrews (Maori)**

Maori - 1st				
1	Samoa	Won	7	5
2	Niue	Won	7	2
3	New Zealand	Lost	3	11
F	New Zealand	Won	5	3
			22	21

New Zealand - 2nd				
1	Niue	Won	11	1
2	Samoa	Won	13	5
3	Maori	Won	11	3
F	Maori	Lost	3	5
			38	14

Samoa - 3rd				
1	Maori	Lost	5	7
2	New Zealand	Lost	5	13
3	Niue	Won	11	3
			21	23

Niue - 4th				
1	New Zealand	Lost	1	11
2	Maori	Lost	2	7
3	Samoa	Lost	3	11
			6	29

MIXED ALLSTARS	
Albert, Joe	Maori
Albert-Jaiinke, George	New Zealand
Andrews, John	Maori
Bannister, Sharlene	New Zealand
Beazley, Malcolm	Maori
Black, Katrina	New Zealand
Daly, Mike	New Zealand
Driscoll, Michelle	New Zealand
Irihei, Kopae	New Zealand
Naoupu, Toso	Samoa
Skinner, Richard	Niue
Small, Aria	Maori
Tahiwi, Paula	New Zealand
Wilke, Maria	New Zealand

Coach
 Jim Watene
 (Maori)

Manager
 Judy Wiki
 (Maori)

Team played
 the Australian
 touring side
 on 1/4/98 at
 Manurewa

MIXED TOURNAMENT TEAM	
Albert, Christine	Maori
Albert, Joe	Maori
Andrews, John	Maori
Beazley, Malcolm	Maori
Edmonds, Nikki	Maori
Fa'amausili, Sa	Samoa
Hawira, Darrin	Maori
Kauhiva, Peter	Niue
Nacewa, Dorothy	Samoa
Naoupu, Toso	Samoa
Silkimaka, Josilina	Niue
Skinner, Richard	Niue
Small, Aria	Maori
Sofaea, Natasha	Niue