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American Samoa's Fautasi Race Unites Communities in Flag Day Celebration



The Fautasi race is one of the highlights of every American Samoa Flag Day celebration, bringing communities together in spirited competition and camaraderie. After its postponement from last week, the event brought renewed energy and excitement to the shores.

Nine strong teams competed in the Fautasi race: Aeto from Pago Pago, Paepaeulupo'o from Aua, Fealofani Samoa from Fagasa, Manulele 1 & 2 from Nu'uuli, Lupelele from Iliili, Matasaua representing Manu'a Tele, Iseula o le Moana from Fagatogo, and Fua'o from Vatia.

The lineup began at 7 AM, with the official race starting around 8:20 AM. The intensity of the Fautasi race was incredible. Manulele Tausala 1 and Paepaulupo'o were neck and neck for first place, closely followed by Fealofani Samoa and Matasaua. Aeto, Iseula o le Moana, and the Fua'o fought to advance. Lupelele, a new entry, steadily progressed throughout the race, alongside Manulele 2. The outcome was remarkable! The crowd shouted cheers, chants, and songs for the teams. It was a reflection of patriotism and love for their villages and communities, demonstrating unity.

The race concluded with an award ceremony, and the official results are as follows:

- First Place - Manulele Tausala , Nu'uuli
- Second Place - Paepaeulupo'o, Aua
- Third Place - Fealofani Samoa, Fagasa
- Fourth Place - Matasaua, Manu'a Tele
- Fifth Place - Aeto, Pago Pago
- Sixth Place - Fua'o, Vatia
- Seventh Place - Iseula o le Moana, Fagatogo
- Eighth Place - Lupelele, Iliili
- Ninth Place - Manulele Tausala 2, Nu'uuli

The Governor's Office extends its heartfelt congratulations to all participants for their exceptional sportsmanship and dedication. The resounding success of the Fautasi Race reflects the enduring spirit of unity and pride that unites the people of American Samoa.

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