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Ottio a sad loss for PNG

The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee and Team PNG share the same grief and sadness as all other Papua New Guinean sports supporters at the sudden passing of PNG Kumul centre, Kato Ottio.

Ottio is remembered as a very talented individual who excelled in the sporting codes which he participated in. He was one of the few athletes to win Gold medals for Team PNG in two different sports.

Before donning the Kumul jersey, Ottio was a member of the history-making Men's Volleyball team that claimed Gold in Wallis & Futuna in 2013 during the Pacific Mini Games.

He also won gold in 2015 with the all-conquering Rugby League 9s team at the Pacific Games in Port Moresby. He was a true star and role model for all.

Ottio passed away at 2am on Tuesday morning at the Pacific International Hospital in Port Moresby after collapsing the afternoon before.

“On behalf of Team PNG athletes everywhere, our sincere condolences go to his family. He was an inspiration to young people, athletes and supporters, he will be greatly missed,” said PNG Athletes Chairperson, Karo Lelai.

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