

# SPORTING LEGENDS OF SAMOA

SamoaTel welcomes the opportunity to portray some of Samoa's famous sportspeople to the world:

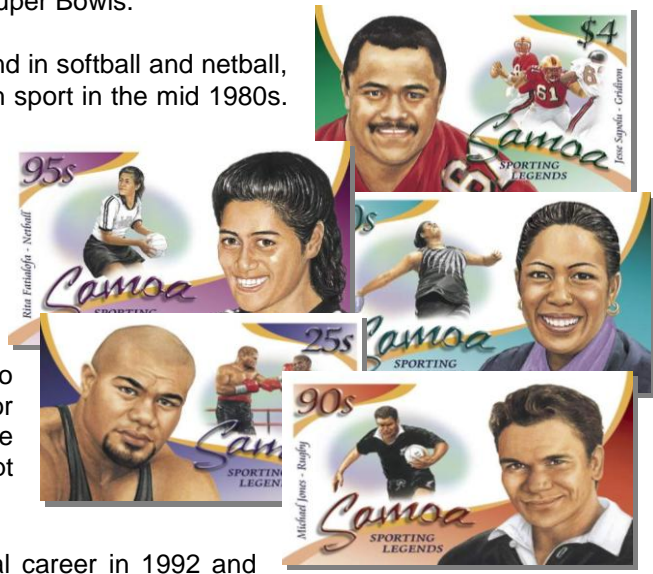
**Jesse Sapolu** – born in 1961, Jesse's career as a professional football player began in High School and continued through the University of Hawaii to the NFL and the famed San Francisco 49ers. His 14 year career saw him play in 170 games including 2 Pro Bowls and 4 Super Bowls.

**Rita Fatialofa** – as a dual representative for New Zealand in softball and netball, Rita's highlight was winning a world championship in each sport in the mid 1980s. On her return to Samoa she became heavily involved with Samoa netball and now works with the Samoa Olympic Committee.

**David Tua** – born in 1972 on the tiny island of Faleatiu, and after winning several national Australasian titles while still under 20, he secured the bronze medal at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics while only 19 before turning professional the same year. His most important bout to date was in July 2000 when David lost to Lennox Lewis for the Heavyweight Championship of the World. Based in the USA, he continues to move up the rankings in an attempt to gain another chance at this title.

**Beatrice Faumuina** – Beatrice began her international career in 1992 and rose to win the discus gold medal at the World Track and Field Championships in Athens in 1997 and the gold also at the Kuala Lumpur (1998) and Manchester Commonwealth Games in 2002. She is probably New Zealand's top track and field athlete and continues to be a force in international athletics.

**Michael Jones** - regarded as one of the greatest players to ever put on an All Black jersey, Michael was dubbed the "Iceman" because of his coolness under pressure and his unyielding style of play. A devout Christian who made his test debut in 1986 for Western Samoa, he went on to play 55 test matches for New Zealand, and became the first All Black loose forward to earn 50 caps.



**Collectors Notes:**

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