



## The News

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The draw for the round of sixteen of the Champions League has finally delivered its verdict – And the draw had to be restarted after a mishap at noon. It promises to be complicated for the French clubs: the PSG will face Real Madrid and Lille, Chelsea, the defending champion. The first matches will take place on February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 2022.

In the rest of the news, a 1<sup>st</sup> death linked to the Omicron variant has been reported in the United Kingdom. This was confirmed today by Boris Johnson. The British Prime Minister is particularly pessimistic for the next few days, expecting a tidal wave of contaminations which should explode by the end of the year. As a result, the vaccination campaign accelerating across the Channel: Those over 18 may receive a 3<sup>rd</sup> dose from the end of December.

Yannick Agnel recognizes the events of which he is accused, said the prosecutor of Mulhouse. The former swimmer is indicted for rape and sexual assault on a 13-year-old minor who is the daughter of his trainer. The facts are said to have occurred in 2016. Yannick Agnel was then 24 years old. He indicated while he was in custody that he did not feel that there had been any type of coercion in this relationship.

And Claude Guéant is in prison at la prison de la santé. The former Minister of the Interior had not paid all the damages related to his conviction in 2017 and is sentenced to one year in prison in the Case known as the “cabinet bonuses”. The case dates back to the early 2000s when he was alongside Nicolas Sarkozy, Place Beauveau.

And today truck drivers have now carried out several go-slow operations throughout France to demand wage increases, especially in the North and in Normandy. Blockades were also reported at Vannes with enormous slowdowns as a result.

And then it is quite simply the largest sapphire in the world! The blue colored stone found in Sri Lanka weighs 310kg. International organizations have yet to authenticate this incredible discovery.