



The News

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5 more years. Emmanuel Macron was re-elected with more than 58% of votes in the second round of the Presidential election against Marine Le Pen. A comfortable score, with a slightly larger gap than predicted by the polls before the election.

Marine Le Pen is pleased to have obtained the best score for a far-right candidate. In 2017 she had obtained nearly 34% of votes, which is almost 8 points less than yesterday, and very far ahead of Jean Marie Le Pen. In 2002 the candidate of the *Front National* was crushed by Jacques Chirac, who won with more than 82% votes.

The other record figure is that of abstention: 28% of the French population did not vote. This is almost 3 points more than in 2017 and unheard of since 1969.

As for Jean-Luc Mélenchon, he is already calling for mobilization for the "third round". The leader of *la France Insoumise*, beaten at the door of the second round, invites his supporters to vote for the People's Union in the legislative elections next June. At the other end of the political spectrum Eric Zemmour calls on the rights to unite for the legislative elections. He wants to form a coalition of the "national bloc".

And then a word of cycling and news from Julian Alaphilippe: The Frenchman fell very heavily yesterday on Liège Bastogne Liège and is still in the hospital. The injuries we know of so far include a pneumothorax, two ribs and a broken shoulder blade. The world champion fell 60 km from the finish line of the *Doyenne des Classiques*. The race was won in the end by his teammate Rémco évènepoul.