



The News

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To the Olympics first off, where France are now second in the medals table. France have a total of 16 medals: 5 gold, 8 silver and 3 bronze. Yesterday, Manon Apithy-Brunet took gold in women's fencing sabre individual. She beat fellow French fencer Sara Balzer, who took silver. Gold also went to Nicolas Gestin in canoeing. Joan-Benjamin Gaba got silver in judo as did Victor Koretzky in mountain biking. Sarah Léonie Cysique took bronze in judo.

The French women's rugby sevens are now out of the competition. France lost in the quarter-finals against Canada last night 19-14. France's handball team also lost to Norway last night, 27-22, the second defeat in two matches. The next match is tomorrow against Egypt.

Today sees swimmer Léon Marchand back in the pool. The 22-year-old from Toulouse already has a gold medal under his belt for Sunday's 400m medley, so could today bring more in the 200m butterfly and the 200m breaststroke?

Meanwhile, the men's triathlon event that was meant to take place this morning has been postponed due to the poor water quality of the Seine. Organisers have pushed it back to Wednesday at 10.45am, just after the women's event. Training sessions in the Seine have already been cancelled due to heavy rain over the weekend in Paris.

France is calling for "total transparency" in the election results in Venezuela. Police fired tear gas at protesters in Caracas yesterday who were disputing the re-election of Nicolas Maduro. Maduro has been ruled president after supposedly taking 51.2% of the vote.

In the UK, police have ruled out terrorist motivations in a knife attack at a dance school in Southport yesterday. Two children were killed and nine injured in what was described as a "ferocious attack". A 17-year-old man has been arrested.

And finally, it is still hot hot hot in France today with 45 départements on orange alert for the heat. On the national trains, the SNCF has rolled out its "heatwave plan", giving out water to passengers in regional and Paris stations. The RATP network in Paris has also been giving out water so passengers can stay hydrated.

