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The Olympic Games came to an end last night with the closing ceremony at the Stade de France. The French delegation received a standing ovation from the public, with Antoine Dupont and Pauline Ferrand-Prévost leading the way as the two standard bearers. French swimmer Léon Marchand put out the Olympic cauldron before passing on the flame to the United States.

Singer Yseult did a rendition of My Way in a nod to the next Olympic Games in Los Angeles in 2028. Actor Tom Cruise descended from the sky to grab the Olympic flag and left the stadium on a motorcycle.

Also included in the ceremony were music acts Phoenix, Air and Kavinsky accompanied by the Belgian singer Angèle. On the US side, Snoop Dogg, Billie Eilish and the Red Hot Chili Peppers also performed. Zaho de Sagazan opened the show from the Tuileries gardens.

These Games have seen France finished 5th in the ranking, with 64 medals, including 16 gold, coming first out of all the European countries. The competition was won by the United States, coming in ahead of China, Japan and Australia. Tony Estanguet, the president of the Paris organizing committee, hailed “a wave that has overwhelmed the entire country”.

Meanwhile, Emmanuel Macron said in an interview that “the message that the French people sent throughout the Games is, work together”, while he stressed that the dissolution of the Assemblée Nationale did not “spoil” the competition.

And finally, 40 départements are currently on orange weather alert for the heatwave.