



## **The News**

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The French tennis player, Richard Gasquet, is finally hanging up his racquet after he was eliminated from the second round of Roland-Garros earlier today. Gasquet played the final match of his career against world number one, the Italian Jannik Sinner and bowed out in three sets. Gasquet hails from Béziers and at nearly 39, his career has spanned more than 20 years.

Staying with Roland-Garros for a minute and France's number one, Arthur Fils, qualified for the third round of the tournament today after emerging victorious from a five-set match against Spain's Jaume Munar. And tonight, Gaël Monfils will be on court Philippe-Chatrier to take on world number five, Great Britain's Jack Draper.

A report on how to address the number of minors in France who carry knives was submitted to Prime Minister François Bayrou today. The report details that bladed weapons are involved in almost 60% of murders committed by minors and recommends measures such as a ban on the sale of so-called zombie weapons, which have blades of twenty centimetres.

While most of the country enjoyed the public holiday today, the taxi driver strike did not take the day off. Protests were held in south-west France, while traffic-blocking measures were rolled out in Pau and Biarritz. Drivers are complaining of competition from VTCs and the potential drop in income due to reforms made to trips carrying passengers who have to get to medical facilities. Two meetings were held this week at the Ministry of Transport and at the Ministry of Health, but taxi representatives have said that no concrete progress was made.

But for those of you who are taking advantage of the Ascension day holiday falling on a Thursday to take a "pont" long weekend, you can likely look forward to summer-type temperatures. Today the south of France had temperatures in the thirties and tomorrow is forecast to be the hottest day of the week with unseasonable highs.