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## FRENCH PRIME MINISTER HOPEFULS LINE UP FOR POST-OLYMPICS RACE

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Now that French Olympic stars like swimmer Léon Marchand, judoka Teddy Riner and fencer Manon Apithy-Brunet are heading home with gold medals, the focus in Paris is turning to another contest: The race to become prime minister.

The Olympics put French politics on pause, as President Emmanuel Macron vowed he would not appoint a new government to replace his caretaker ministers before the Games concluded.

Over the past two decades, the appointment of a new prime minister in France has been a decision with relatively few consequences, as the balance of power tipped heavily in favor of the president. Its often a job that attracts little attention on the international stage.

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