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## **Grandmaster MAXIME VACHIER-LAGRAVE Named 2017 Sinquefield Cup Champion**

### **First Victory By A French Grandmaster**

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**USPA NEWS** - After Nine Intense Days of Competition against the Most Elite Chess Players in the World, the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis (CCSCSL) crowned Maxime Vachier-Lagrave as the Champion of the Sinquefield Cup and the Winner of the Third leg of the Grand Chess Tour (GCT)...

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Maxime Vachier-Lagrave successfully bested Nine of the Top-ranked Chess Players in the World to take Home the Title, \$75,000 Grand Prize, and 13 Grand Chess Tour points. He is now only Three Tour Points behind World Champion and No. 1 Ranked Player, Magnus Carlsen in the Overall Standings. He has also risen to the No. 2 Rated Player in the World based on the Live Rating System.

The Sinquefield Cup Awards a Total Prize Fund of \$300,000 and represents the Third of Five Stops on the 2017 GCT : A Circuit of International Chess Events featuring the World's Elite Chess Talent, created in partnership between the CCSCSL and Chess Promotions, Ltd. (London Chess Classic). The Tournament is named after Dr. Jeanne and Rex Sinquefield, Founders of the CCSCSL.

Legendary World Champion and 13th World Champion in Chess History, Garry Kasparov, will compete in the Saint Louis Rapid and Blitz Competition from Aug. 14-19, 2017, which features Six of the Grand Chess Tour Players and Four Wildcard Picks playing for a Total Prize Fund of \$150,000. Participants include : Viswanathan Anand, Levon Aronian, Fabiano Caruana, Hikaru Nakamura, Ian Nepomniachtchi, Sergey Karjakin, Garry Kasparov, Le Quang Liem, Lenier Dominguez, and David Navara. The Saint Louis Rapid and Blitz Competition is the Fourth Stop on the Grand Chess Tour.

Finally, at the Conclusion of the Saint Louis Rapid and Blitz, the CCSCSL will Host the Ultimate Moves Blitz Games on August 19, 2017. Ultimate Moves is an Event featuring a Lively Series of Rapid and Blitz Games among GCT Players and Special Guests including Rex and Randy Sinquefield and John Urschel.

The 2017 Saint Louis Rapid and Blitz Rounds, as well as the Ultimate Moves Games will be Streamed Live Daily on [www.grandchesstour.org](http://www.grandchesstour.org), featuring Play-by-play and Analysis from the World-renowned Commentary Team of GM Yasser Seirawan, WGM Jennifer Shahade, and GM Maurice Ashley, as well as Spanish Commentary by GM Alejandro Ramirez and WIM Ivette Garcia. Live Spectators may view the Action in the Tournament Hall and enjoy additional GM-led Commentary On-site by GM Varuzahan Akobian and GM Robert Hess.

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