



EUROPEAN YOUTH  
CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP  
2017



EUROPEAN SENIOR  
CHESS  
CHAMPIONSHIP 2017



15<sup>TH</sup> EU YOUTH  
CHESS  
CHAMPIONSHIP 2017



GRAND CHESS TOUR-  
SINQUEFIELD CUP AND  
SAINT LOUIS RAPID&BLITZ

# EUROPEAN CHESS UNION NEWSLETTER



## GERMANY AND POLAND WON EUROPEAN YOUTH TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

Teams of Germany in Open Section and Poland in Girls Section are the winners of European Youth Team U18 Chess Championship for 2017, which was held in Rymanow Zdroj, Poland, from 16th-24th August. The Championship featured 40 teams coming from 16 countries which is a new participation record!

Closing Ceremony was held on Wednesday, 23rd August, where several artists performed: Dance Studio GRACJA Krosno, MultiVisual and Patrycja Kotaraba. The Ceremony was attended the President of Polish Chess Federation Mr. Adam Dzwonkowski and Mr. Petr Pisk, tournament director and member of the ECU board.

The first place in both sections was under the question until the end of the last round of the Championship. Germany shared the first place with Serbia. Both teams scored 11 match points, but thanks to the better tie-breaks, Germans finished with gold in their hands while Serbia took silver. Third place went to Croatia with 10 match points.

### [Open Section Final Standings](#)

Girls fighting for the top of the list were tied even after the last round. Teams Poland I, Slovenia II and Estonia finished the Championship with the same number of match points- 10, but according to the tie-breaks system, Poland I became the European Youth Team Champion for 2017, Slovenia II ended second and Estonia took bronze.

### [Girls Section Final Standings](#)



The event was organized by PST "Stomil" Rymanow Zdroj and Polish Chess Federation, under the auspices of European Chess Union. Organizers provided very nice playing conditions and for observers an impressive live coverage. All the games were transmitted live, and some of them commented by GM Bartłomiej Heberla and GM Marcin Tazbir. Beside that, live video during the games showed the real spirit from the playing hall.

The Championship was played according to the Swiss system in 7 rounds, with boys and girls playing separately in Open and Girl's section. The time control was 90 min for 40 moves + 30 min for the rest of the game + 30 seconds increment for every move played starting from the first move.

### [Official Website](#)

### [Photo Gallery](#)

## European Senior Chess Championship 2017

European Senior Chess Championship 2017 took place in Sabadell, Spain from 11th-21st August.

The Championship was played in two different age categories: 50+ and 65+. The separate Women's Championship was organized just for the 50+ category, while women 65+ played in the Open section and fought for separate prizes.

129 players coming from more than 20 European federation participated the event. Among them were 10GMs, 10IMs and European and World Chess Champions.

### [Standings for Seniors 50+](#)

1. GM Movsziszian Karen (ARM, 2502) 7 points
2. IM Kalegin Evgenij (RUS, 2424) 6.5 points
3. GM Tunik Gennady (RUS, 2388) 6.5 points



### [Standings for Women 50+](#)

1. WGM Strutinskaia Galina (RUS, 2286) 7 points
2. WGM Berend Elvira (LUX, 2294) 6.5 points
3. Aseeva Marina (RUS, 2162) 6 points



### [Standings for Seniors 65+](#)

1. IM Renman Nils- Gustaf (SWE, 2353) 7.5 points
2. GM Giorgadze Tamaz (GEO, 2504) 7 points
3. GM Vasiukov Evgeni (RUS, 2390) 6.5 points



### [Standings for Women 65+](#)

1. GM Gaprindashvili Nona (GEO, 2316) 5.5 points
2. WGM Fatalibekova Elena (RUS, 2226) 4 points
3. Kabanova Irina (RUS, 1791) 3 points



The Championship was organized by Ione Techno Group and Spanish Chess Federation, under the auspices of European Chess Union.

[Official Website of The Championship](#)

## European Union Youth Chess Championship 2017

[15th EU Youth Chess Championship](#) took place in Kouty nad Desnou, Czech Republic, from 18th-27th August. The Championship was organized in 4 age categories (U8, U10, U12, U14) for players from EU member countries, from EU candidate countries and from their neighbourhood countries.

The Organizers ensured rich chess and non-chess entertainment, from which all participants could choose simultaneous, chess competitions, social evenings, trips, excursions etc.

Additional program started on 21st August with simultaneous game against IM Petr Pisk. 13 participants had 30 minutes against the same time on the clocks of IM Pisk. After a big fight the score was 9-4 for IM Pisk. Ida Oztuksavul (TUR), Felix Jordan (IRL) and Utkarsh Gupta (IRL) have defeated IM Pisk and draws were made by Kamil Warchol (POL) and Richard Stalmach (CZE). Before Sundays finale, IM Pisk had a rematch simultaneous game with seven players who had as Petr Pisk, 20 minutes on their clocks. The result was 6:1 for IM Pisk. Draws were made by Ida Oztuksavul (TUR) and only six years old Vihan Velagapudi from Finland

A blitz tournament was organized on August 22nd, where 22 players (players of EUYCC, coaches, parents) from 10 countries participated. After excellent performance the winner became Daniel Dardha (BEL, 9 points out of 9 rounds!). All the winners received nice presents. Results can be found [here](#).

The Winners of the Championship became:

[Boys U8](#): Warchol Kamil (POL) 8.5 points

[Girls U8](#): Karin Novomeska (SVK) 5 points

[Boys U10](#): Fiszwe Bartosz (POL) 9 points

[Girls U10](#): Lucia Kapicakova (SVK) 5 points

[Boys U12](#): Dardha Daniel (BEL) 8 points

[Girls U12](#): Lucia Sevcikova (SVK) 5.5 points

[Boys U14](#): Szczurek Krzystof (POL) 7 points

[Girls U14](#): Jarocka Liwia (POL) 7 points



Since there were many nice and combinative games played, organizers decided to award best games in each category every day.

The Closing Ceremony was attended by director of the event Mr. Zdenek Fiala together with the tournament director of ECU Mr. Petr Pisk and director of the hotel Dlouhe Strane Ms. Ivena Svedova who awarded players with cups, medals and valuable prizes.

# Grand Chess Tour 2017

The 2017 Grand Chess Tour is a series of five chess tournaments held throughout the year and across the globe.

The Tour consists of two classic events and three rapid and blitz events. Every result will count toward a player's final GCT standing. In total the Grand Chess Tour boasts an impressive \$1.2 million prize fund. Four tournaments have already been played: Paris GCT (21-25 June), Your Next Move (28 June-2nd July), Sinquefield Cup (1-11 August) and Saint Louis Rapid&Blitz (13-19 August).

## Sinquefield Cup

The Sinquefield Cup, the most prestigious chess tournament and the third of five stops on the 2017 Grand Chess Tour (GCT) was held at the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis (CCSCSL) from 1st-11th August. U.S. Chess Capital hosted ten of the top chess players from around the globe who competed for a total prize fund of 300.000\$. The tournament was played in 9 round Robin-round system with time control of 100 minutes for 40 moves, followed by sixty minutes for the remainder of the game with increment of 30 second delay per move from move 1.

Selected participants for the third event of Grand Chess Tour 2017 were:

#1 Carlsen Magnus (NOR, 2822), #2 Wesley So (USA, 2810), #3 Caruana Fabiano (USA, 2807), #5 Aronian Levon (ARM, 2799), #7 Nakamura Hikaru (USA, 2792), #8 Vachier-Lagrave Maxime (FRA, 2789), #10 Viswanathan Anand (IND, 2783), #12 Karjakin Sergey (RUS, 2773), #15 Nepomniachtchi Ian (RUS, 2751) and #16 Svidler Peter (RUS, 2751).

Maxime Vachier-Lagrave became the winner of the tournament after taking the victory in the last round against Nepomniachtchi Ian.



FINAL STANDINGS				AFTER ROUND 9
POS.	PLAYER	ROUND 9 RESULT	FINAL SCORE	
1	GM M. VACHIER-LAGRAVE 2789 (FRA)	1	6 PTS	
T-2	GM VISWANATHAN ANAND 2771 (IND)	.5	5.5 PTS	
T-2	GM MAGNUS CARLSEN 2850 (NOR)	1	5.5 PTS	
T-4	GM LEVON ARONIAN 2787 (ARM)	0	5 PTS	
T-4	GM SERGEY KARJAKIN 2770 (RUS)	.5	5 PTS	
6	GM PETER SVIDLER 2744 (RUS)	1	4.5 PTS	
7	GM FABIANO CARUANA 2774 (USA)	0	4 PTS	
8	GM HIKARU NAKAMURA 2798 (USA)	.5	3.5 PTS	
T-9	GM IAN NEPOMNIACHTCHI 2767 (RUS)	0	3 PTS	
T-9	GM WESLEY SO 2781 (USA)	.5	3 PTS	



# Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz

Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz, the newest stop of Grand Chess Tour, took place in Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis immediately after the Sinquefeld Cup. The event was held from 13th-19th August and consisted of 9 rapid games and 18 blitz games. The total prize fund of the event was 150.000\$.








Special note to the tournament gave the return of legendary World Champion Garry Kasparov, who came out of retirement and competed against world's top chess talents.

Selected participants for the penultimate GCT event were:

#3 Caruana Fabiano (USA, 2807), #5 Aronian Levon (ARM, 2759), #7 Nakamura Hikaru (USA, 2752), #10 Viswanathan Anand (IND, 2783), #12 Sergey Karjakin (RUS, 2773), #15 Nepomniachtchi Ian (RUS, 2751), #23 Le Quang Liem (VIE, 2739), #24 Leinier Dominguez Perez (CUB, 2739) and chess legend Garry Kasparov (RUS).



Sergey Karjakin dominated in the blitz tournament while Levon Aronian was convincing in the rapid event. Since the rapid games carried more GCT points than blitz, Aronian took the final victory and ended first on the Standing list of Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz.

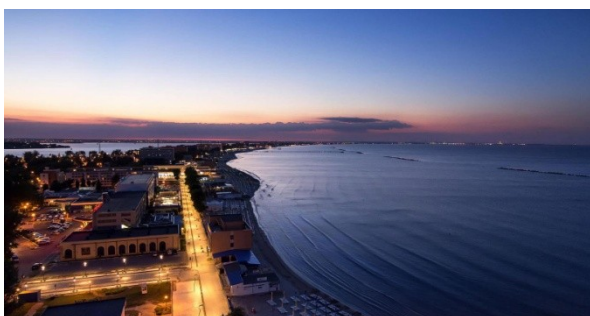
 <b>GRAND CHESS TOUR 2017</b> <i>Saint Louis Rapid &amp; Blitz - Final Points &amp; Prizes</i>				
POS.		PLAYER	GCT POINTS	PRIZE MONEY
1		GM <b>LEVON ARONIAN</b>	13	\$37,500
T-2		GM <b>SERGEY KARJAKIN</b>	9	\$22,500
T-2		GM <b>HIKARU NAKAMURA</b>	9	\$22,500
4		GM <b>IAN NEPOMNIACHTCHI</b>	7	\$15,000
T-5		GM <b>FABIANO CARUANA</b>	5	\$10,000
T-5		GM <b>LEINIER DOMINGUEZ*</b>	5	\$10,000
T-5		GM <b>LE QUANG LIEM*</b>	5	\$10,000
8		GM <b>GARRY KASPAROV*</b>	3	\$7,500
9		GM <b>VISWANATHAN ANAND</b>	2	\$7,500
10		GM <b>DAVID NAVARA*</b>	1	\$7,500

\*Wildcards are not eligible for the overall GCT prizes

## Upcoming events in September

### European Youth Chess Championship 2017

1121 young players coming from 46 European federations registered for European Youth Chess Championship 2017 which takes place in Mamaia, Romania from 4th-15th September.



The Championship will be played in 6 age categories: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18, boys and girls separately. The first three players in each group will be awarded cups and medals while the first five players will be awarded cups, diplomas and valuable prizes. Each participant will receive presents.

The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds, with time control 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

Besides the chess events for participants, organizers enabled accompany persons to participate on Fide Trainers Seminar which will be held during the Championship and chaired by GM Adrian Mikhalchishin, FIDE Senior Trainer and FIDE Trainers' Commission Chairman.

The official venue of European Youth Chess Championship will be Mamaia Expozitional Center, where all the tournament halls will be situated.



The event is organized by Romanian Chess Federation, "Mind Games&Events" Sports Association under the auspices of European Chess Union.

[Official Website](#)

## ECU Events:

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<b>European Youth Chess Championship</b>	Mamaia, Romania	4th-15th September	<a href="#">Official Website</a>
<b>European Universities Chess Championship</b>	Fuengirola, Spain	18th-22nd September	<a href="#">Official Website</a>

## Events:

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<b>World Cup</b>	Tbilisi, Georgia	2nd-28th September	<a href="#">Official Website</a>
<b>World Youth Chess Championship U14-U18</b>	Montevideo, Uruguay	16th-26th September	<a href="#">Official Website</a>
<b>Corsican Circuit 2017 Blitz Oscaro</b>	Paris, France	16th-16th September	<a href="#">Official Website</a>
<b>Chess.com Isle of Man International Masters</b>	Douglas, England	23rd September-1st October	<a href="#">Official Website</a>
<b>III Ceramica Corund Open A</b>	Corund, Romania	26th September-1st October	<a href="#">Official Website</a>

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# FUN ZONE

For this edition of the ECU Newsletter we prepared very nice mate in 3 positions. Enjoy!



## Solutions from NL June 2017

### Puzzle #1:

1...Qe1+ 2.Kxe1 Bc3+ 3. Kf1 Re1#

### Puzzle #2:

1.Qd6+ Nbd7 2.Qd8+ Nxd8 3.Rxd8#

### Puzzle #3:

1. Nf7+ Kg8 2.Rh8+ Nxh8 3.Nh6#

### Puzzle #4

1.g7+ Kxg7 2.Nh5+ Kh8 3.Rxh6#