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2017 GCT Paris Rapid to be broadcast on CANAL+ SPORT channel

The Grand Chess Tour is very pleased to announce that the 2017 GCT Rapid tournament in Paris will be broadcast on the CANAL+ SPORT channel in France. The show will feature a daily highlights package of the best games from each the five days play. Each show will last for one hour and will be aired nightly at 23.30 between June 21st and June 25th inclusive. The shows will be hosted by the CANAL+ television journalist Pauline Sanzey.

CANAL+ is a French premium cable television channel launched in 1984 and is 100% owned by the CANAL+ Group, a subsidiary of Vivendi SA. This will be the very first time that a French-language broadcaster has provided coverage of this nature for an international chess tournament and it represents is a huge step forward for the development of the Grand Chess Tour.

To facilitate the television production, the tournament will be staged at the CANAL+ studios in Boulogne, Paris and will not be open to the public. Chess fans can follow the tournament live on DAILYMOTION where commentary will be available in English, Spanish and French for all rounds. French speaking viewers will then have the bonus of the evening highlight packages on television. The playing schedule is set out below with all round times listed in Central European Summer Time (GMT/UCT+2).

Rapid (21st – 23rd June)

Time	21 June	22 June	23 June
14.00	Round 1	Round 4	Round 7
15.30	Round 2	Round 5	Round 8
17.00	Round 3	Round 6	Round 9
18.30	Show End	Show End	Show End

Blitz (24th – 25th June)

Time	24 June	25 June
14.00	Round 1	Round 10
14.30	Round 2	Round 11
15.00	Round 3	Round 12
15.30	Round 4	Round 13
16.00	Round 5	Round 14
16.30	Round 6	Round 15
17.00	Round 7	Round 16
17.30	Round 8	Round 17
18.00	Round 9	Round 18
18.30	Show End	Playoffs / Prizegiving

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