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*For Immediate Release***Wildcards Confirmed For 2019 Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz**

Saint Louis, MO, June 11, 2019 – The Grand Chess Tour and the Saint Louis Chess Club are pleased to announce the names of the three wildcards that will complete the field for the 2019 Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz tournament. All three wildcards have been impressive with their recent results both internationally and in local events held by the Saint Louis Chess Club. The three wildcards that will complete the field are:

#	Name	Federation
1	Yu, Yangyi	China
2	Dominguez, Leinier	USA
3	Rapport, Richard	Hungary

GM Yu qualified for the grandmaster title at 14 years old and was a member of the Gold-medal winning Chinese team in the 2014 Chess Olympiad. For the first time in his career, the Chinese number 2 will be participating in a GCT tournament.

GM Dominguez will be returning after a strong showing in the 2018 tournament and has since backed up his debut with a second-place finish in the 2019 U.S. Chess Championship. He will be earning his second GCT wildcard but will be playing under the flag of the United States this time around.

GM Rapport, after a strong showing in the 2019 Champions Showdown in Saint Louis, rounds out the field as the final wildcard. His enterprising style makes him capable of beating anyone, and he will be looking to put in another strong performance when he returns to Saint Louis in August.

The Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz tournament will be followed by the Sinquefield Cup, which has been expanded to feature twelve full tour participants for the first time in its history. The full player lists for both events are now confirmed and read as follows:

#	Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz (August 10 – 14)	Sinquefield Cup (August 16 – 29)
1	Carlsen, Magnus	Carlsen, Magnus
2	Vachier-Lagrave, Maxime	Nakamura, Hikaru
3	Caruana, Fabiano	Vachier-Lagrave, Maxime
4	Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar	Caruana, Fabiano
5	Ding, Liren	Ding, Liren
6	Aronian, Levon	Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar
7	Karjakin, Sergey	Nepomniachtchi, Ian
8	Yu, Yangyi	Aronian, Levon
9	Dominguez, Leinier	So, Wesley
10	Rapport, Richard	Karjakin, Sergey
11		Giri, Anish
12		Anand, Viswanathan

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Further information including details of the playing schedules for both events can be obtained from the respective tournament pages on the Grand Chess Tour website:

[Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz](#)

[Sinquefield Cup](#)

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The Grand Chess Tour is a circuit of international events, each demonstrating the highest level of organization for the world's best players. The Tour was created in partnership between the St Louis Chess Club (Sinquefield Cup) and Chess Promotions, Ltd. (London Chess Classic). The legendary Garry Kasparov, one of the world's greatest ambassadors for chess, inspired the Grand Chess Tour and helped solidify the partnership between the organizers.

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