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2017 London Chess Classic: The Players

The ninth London Chess Classic kicks off at the DeepMind Google HQ on 1 December 2017 and will continue at the Olympia Conference Centre from 3 to 11 December 2017. It is the concluding leg of the 2017 Grand Chess Tour and features a prize fund of $300,000.

Heading the stellar field is the world champion Magnus Carlsen. The table below shows the ten competitors that will participate in the 2017 London Chess Classic in order of their URS™ (Universal Rating System) ratings as at October 2017.
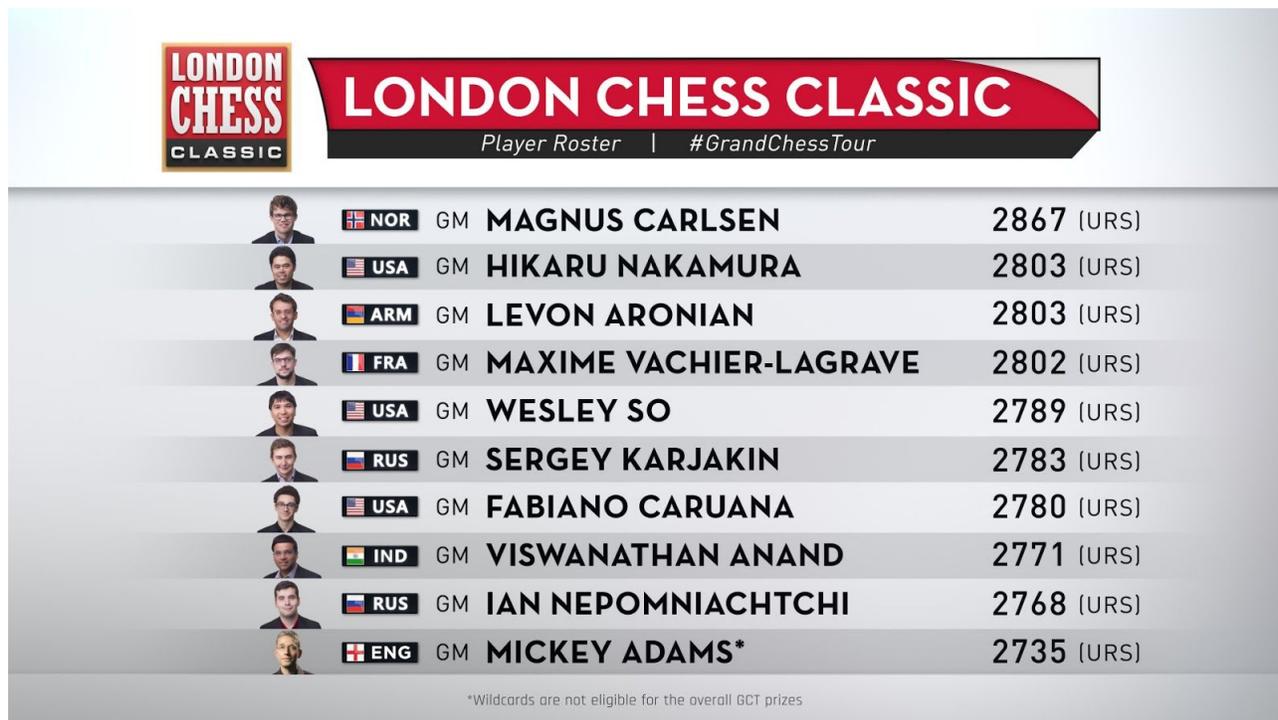
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NOR	GM	MAGNUS CARLSEN	2867	(URS)
USA	GM	HIKARU NAKAMURA	2803	(URS)
ARM	GM	LEVON ARONIAN	2803	(URS)
FRA	GM	MAXIME VACHIER-LAGRAVE	2802	(URS)
USA	GM	WESLEY SO	2789	(URS)
RUS	GM	SERGEY KARJAKIN	2783	(URS)
USA	GM	FABIANO CARUANA	2780	(URS)
IND	GM	VISWANATHAN ANAND	2771	(URS)
RUS	GM	IAN NEPOMNIACHTCHI	2768	(URS)
ENG	GM	MICKEY ADAMS*	2735	(URS)

*Wildcards are not eligible for the overall GCT prizes

Detailed player profiles for each of the ten competitors have recently been added to the official tournament website and are accessible at http://www.londonchessclassic.com/press/lcc17_pr3.htm

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About Chess in Schools and Communities
Chess in Schools and Communities (CSC) is a UK charity whose mission is to improve children's educational outcomes and social development by introducing them to the game of chess. Founded in 2009, CSC now teaches in over 400 schools and supports 400 more nationwide. CSC also organises a world-class tournament, the London Chess Classic, and Yes2Chess, an international tournament for schools. For more information visit: Chessinschools.co.uk.

About the London Chess Classic
The London Chess Classic is the flagship annual event of Chess in Schools and Communities. As the UK's largest chess tournament and the concluding leg of the Grand Chess Tour, an international circuit of high-profile chess events inspired by the legendary Garry Kasparov, the event brings with it enormous prestige in the chess community. Alongside this competition amongst the world's best players, Chess in Schools and Communities runs a range of amateur and age-grade competitions for 1,000s of children from the charity initiative nationwide. For more information visit: Londonchessclassic.com.

About DeepMind
DeepMind is a neuroscience-inspired AI company which develops general-purpose learning algorithms and uses them to help tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges. Since its founding in London in 2010, DeepMind has published over 100 peer-reviewed papers, three of them in the scientific journal Nature – an unprecedented achievement for a computer science lab. DeepMind's groundbreaking work includes the development of deep reinforcement learning, combining the domains of deep learning and reinforcement learning. This technique underpinned AlphaGo, a computer program that defeated Go world champion Lee Sedol in 2016 – a breakthrough experts proclaimed to have arrived a decade ahead of its time. In 2014, DeepMind was acquired by Google in their largest ever European acquisition, and is now part of the Alphabet group.

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