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A chess board with black and white chess pieces

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**Fabiano Caruana vs Anish Giri** *Players in 2024 Sinquefield.*

White to play. Who wins? *Can you recognise them?*

**WORLD   CHAMPION  AGAIN  DISAPPOINTS**

The annual **Sinquefield Cup**, played in St Louis, USA, August 19 to 29, was another chance for World Champion **Ding Liren** to get back into form before his title match against Gukesh Dommaraju starting November 20. However Ding had another disappointing tournament finishing second last with 3.5/9. The winner **Alireza Firouzja**, unbeaten on 6/9,  had previously won in 2022 and his success meant he was also winner of the 2024 Grand Chess Tour ahead of Fabiano Caruana and Maxime Vachier-Lagrave. Other Sinquefield scores: Caruana 5.5, Nodirbek Abdusattarov and MLV 5, Wesley So, Praggnannandhaa and Gukesh 4.5, Ian Nepomniachtchi and Ding 3.5, Anish Giri 3.

**The WILLETTON OPEN**

The Willetton Open, played 17/18 August at Canning Bridge

A person sitting at a table playing chess

Description automatically generatedCommunity Space, was won by **Gyula Plaganyi** (5.5/6) closely

followed by **Kathryn Hardegen** on 5. =1st Under 1800 winners

were **Abhimav Varma** and **Gary Donaldson** on 4 and Under 1500

winner was **Angus Chen** with 3.5.

**The  SOUTH  WEST  CHESS  FESTIVAL**

After the event was successfully introduced last year, organisers

hope for an even better turn out this year in Margaret River,

14 & 15 September, with tournaments in both regular 60 min +10

sec and Rapid 25 min + 10 sec time controls.

For entry and additional info see cawa.org.au (Calendar). *Gyula Plaganyi*

**SOLUTION:** 1.Nc5+! (clearance sacrifice); if 1…Bxc5+ 2. Kb7 and queens, Black was forced to play 1…Kb8 allowing the capture of his dangerous passed pawn and leaving him with a lost game. Players: R-L top  - Giri, Gukesh, Ding, Pragg, MVL; R-L bottom – So, Abdusattarov, Nepo, Firouzja, Caruana