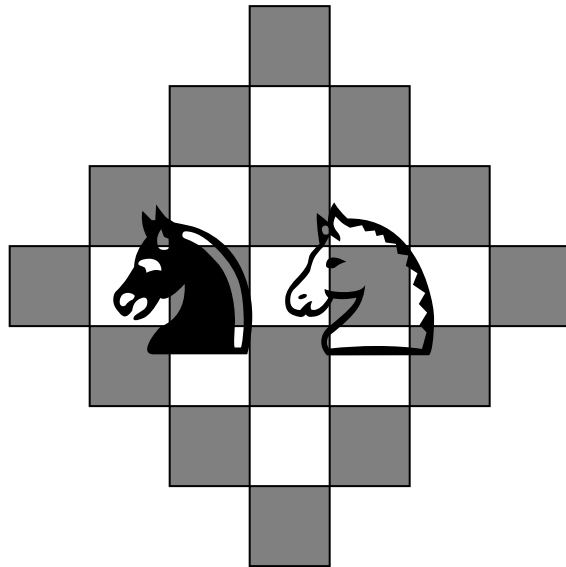


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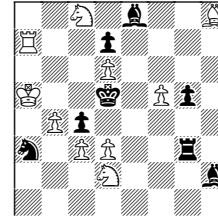


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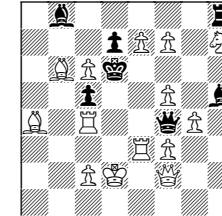
I reviewed twenty-seven entries of below-average quality. No work stands out. I had hard a time deciding if any entry deserves a prize. Here is my decision:

1st-2nd Prize
Daniil Yakimovich



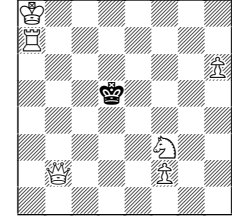
#3√. (10+8)

1st-2nd Prize, L.Makaronez &
R.Aliovsadzade
In Memoriam Robert Lincoln



#3* (14+7)

Sp. Prize for miniature
Petrašin Petrašinović



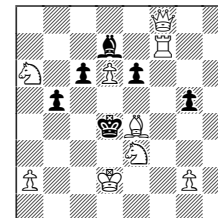
#3√. (6+1)

1st-2nd Prize - (Daniil Yakimovich - M1761) Solution: 1.Ra6[A]? (2.Se7#) Re3!; 1.Rc7[B]? (2.Rc5#) Bg1!; **1.Bf6!** (2.Se7+ Kxd6 3.Se4#), 1...Re3 2.Rc7[B]! ~ 3.Rc5#, 2...Bxd6 3.Sb6# Hamburg theme, 1...Rg4 2.Ra6[A] ~ 3.Se7#, 2...Bxd6 3.Rxd6# Palitzsch-Dresden theme; 2...Re4 3.dxe4# Roman theme. White Rook copies the moves of the black Rook (the Monkey theme). Three logical themes in two variations.

1st-2nd Prize - (L.Makaronez & R.Aliovsadzade)* 1...Qxe3+ 2.Qxe3 & 3.Qxc5#; 2...dxc6 3.Qe6#; **1.Qg3!** (2.Qxf4+ Kd5 3.Sf6[A]/Rxc5[B]/Rd3[C]#), 1...dxc6 2.Sf6[A] & 3.Qxf4#; 2...Qxg3 3.Re6#; 2...Qe5 3.Qxe5#, 1...Kd5 2.Rxc5+[B] Kd6 3.Qxf4#; 2...Kd4 3.c3#, 1...Qxg3 2.Rd3+[C] Ke5 3.Re4#; 2...Kxe7 3.Rxd7#. Transformation of threat's 3rd move into 2nd in three variations in solution. This is combined with Visserman-1 theme.

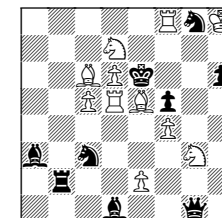
Special Prize for the best miniature - (Petrašin Petrašinović - M1781) Solution: 1.Qb6? (zz), 1...Kc4 2.Rc7+ Kd3/Kd5 3.Qe3/Qc6#, 1...Ke4!; 1.Rf7? Ke6!; 1.Re7? Kd6!; 1.Kb8? Ke4!; **1.Rg7!** (zz) Kc4 2.Rc7+ Kd3/Kd5 3.Qc2/Qe5#, 1...Ke4 2.Qd4+ Kxf3/Kf5 3.Qe3/Qe5#, 1...Kc6 2.Qe5 Kb6 3.Rg6#, 1...Kc5 2.Rc7+ K~ 3.Qe5#, 1...Kd6 2.Qb5 Ke6 3.Qe5#. Good miniature with nice tries by the white Rook along the 7th file.

1st Honorable Mention
Alex Markevitch



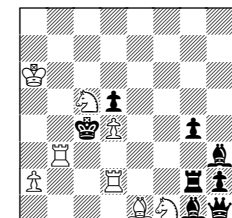
#3 (9+6)

2nd Honorable Mention
Leonid Makaronez
& Viktor Volchek



#3 (11+9)

3rd Honorable Mention
Samir Alammadov



#3 (8+8)

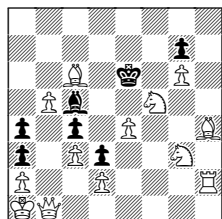
* Original at the end of Lincoln Memorial Tourney section.

1st Honorable Mention - (Alex Markevitch - M1771) Solution: 1.Re7! (2.Qf6+ e5/Kxe4 3.Qxe5/Sc5#), 1...Ke5 2.Qf6+ Kxe4/Kxd6/Kxf6 3.Sc5/Sf5/Sg4#, 1...e5 2.Sc2+ Kc4/Kxe4 3.Qf1/Qf3#, 1...Kxe4 2.Qf6 ~e5 3.Sc5/Qxe5#. A solid threemover with wQ sacrifice, long-move mate and pin-mate. The key is good since the Rook has many options.

2nd Honorable Mention - (Leonid Makaronez & Viktor Volchek - M1762) Solution: 1.Sxf5! (2.Sd4+ Qxd4 3.f5#), 1...Bc2 2.Bxc3 ~/Qg7+/Qd4+ 3.Re5/Sxg7/Sxd4#, 1...Sb5 2.Sb6 ~/Sf6 3.Bd7/Rxf6#, 1...Sxe2 2.Bf6 ~ 3.Re5#. Three different interference moves, two by the bS and one by the bB.

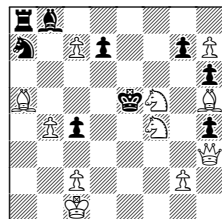
3rd Honorable Mention - (Samir Alammadov - M1772) Solution: 1.Se6! (2.Rf2! (2.Bf2?) ~ 3.Sd2[A]/Se3[B]#, 1...g3 2.Bf2! (2.Rf2?) ~ 3.Se3[B]/Rc2[C]#, 1...Re2 2.Rxe2 ~ 3.Rc2[C]/Sd2[A]#, (1...Rg3 2.Rc2+ Rc3 3.Rcxc3#). Two different motives for Novotny, one in threat and the other in a variation.

4th Honorable Mention
Elmar Abdullaev



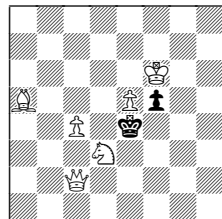
#3 (13+7)

5th Honorable Mention
Antonio Tarnawiecki
& Kostas Prentos



#3√ (11+9)

6th Honorable Mention
Petrašin Petrašinović



#3√ (6+2)

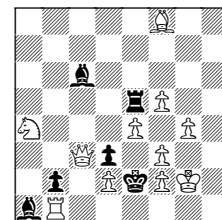
4th Honorable Mention - (Elmar Abdullaev - M1803) Solution: 1.e5! (2.Qh1 ~/Kxe5 3.Qd5/Qe4#), 1...Bb4 2.Qxb4 Kxe5 3.Qd6#, 1...Bg1 2.Qxg1 Kxe5 3.Qe3#, 1...Bf2 2.Rxf2 Kxe5 3.Qe1#, 1...Bd4 2.cxd4 c3 3.Sg7#. Four defenses by the black Bishop. Each time the Bishop is captured.

5th Honorable Mention - (Antonio Tarnawiecki & Kostas Prentos - M1773) Solution: 1.h8? Sc6!, 1.g4? hxg3 e.p.!, 1.Sd6! (2.Qe3+ Kxd6/Kf6 3.Qc5/Sd5#), 1...Kd4 2.Qc3+ Kxc3 3.Se2#, 1...Kxd6 2.Qe3 ~/Kc6 3.Qc5/Qb6#, 1...Kxf4 2.Qh2+ Ke3/Kg5 3.Bb6/Qe5#, 1...Kf6 2.Sg6 ~ 3.Qf5#, (1...g6 2.h8Q+ K~ 3.Qf6#). A known King's star with two quiet white moves.

6th Honorable Mention - (Petrašin Petrašinović - M1758) Solution: 1.Ke6? (zz), 1...f4 2.Se1+ ~ 3.Bb6#, 1...Ke3 2.Kxf5 Kd4/Kf3 3.Bb6/Qf2#, 1...Kf3!; 1.Kg5? (zz), 1...Kf3 2.Se1+ Ke3/Kg3 3.Bb6/Qg2#, 1...Kd4 2.Bb6+ Ke4 3.Qe2#, 1...f4!; 1.Bb4? (zz), 1...f4 2.Se1+ Ke3/Kd4 3.Bc5/Qd3#, 1...Ke3 2.Kxf5 Kd4/Kf3 3.Bc5/Qf2#, 1...Kd4 2.Bc5+ Ke4 3.Qe2#, 1...Kf3!; 1.Qd1? (2.Bb6 ~ 3.Qe2#), 1...f4 2.Sf2+ Ke3 3.Bb6#, 1...Kd4!; 1.Be1! (zz), 1...f4 2.Sc1+ Kd4/Ke3/Kf3 3.Bf2/Qd3/Qe2#, 1...Kd4 2.Bf2+ Ke4 3.Qe2#, 1...Ke3 2.Kxf5 Kf3/Kd4 3.Qf2/Bf2#, 1...Kf3 2.Qf2+ Ke4/Kg4 3.Sc5/Qxf5#. Good tries with scant material.

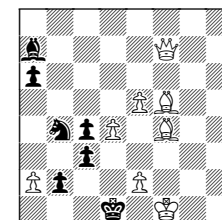
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Commendation
Daniil Yakimovich



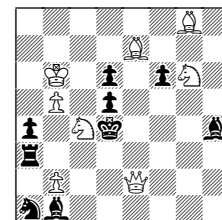
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Commendation
Zoltán Labai
After B.C. Alfred Lucas



#3√ (8+7)

Commendation
Leonid Makaronez



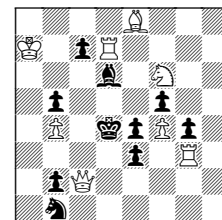
#3* (8+9)

Commendation - (Daniil Yakimovich - M1760) Solution: 1.Bh6! (2.Qd4 ~ 3.Sc3/Qe3#), 1...Rxe4 2.Qe5! ~/Bxa4/Re3 3.Sc3/Qxe4/Qxe3#, 1...Bxe4 2.Qc6! (2.Qd4?/Qxe5?) ~/Rc5/Bxf3+ 3.Sc3/Qxe4/Qxf3#, (1...Rc5 2.Qxc5). Known square vacation theme with Umnov moves with different motives of the wQ moves.

Commendation - (Zoltán Labai-M1783) Solution: 1.Qxc4? (2.Qc3 ~ 3.Qe1/Qd2#), 1...Bxd4 2.Qxd4+ Sd3 3.Qxd3#, 1...b1S!; 1.Qh5! (2.Bb1 ~ 3.e4#), 1...S~ 2.Qh4 ~ 3.Qe1#, 1...Sd3 2.exd3+ Kc2 3.dxc4#, 1...Sd5 2.e4+ Kc2 3.exd5#, 1...Bxd4 2.e3+ K~ 3.exd4#. 3/4 Albino but the key is weak.

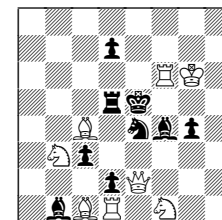
Commendation - (Leonid Makaronez - M1786) Solution: 1...Sc2 2.Qd2+ Kc4/Ke4/Rd3 3.Bxd5/Qxd5/Qf4#, 1...Sb3 2.Qe3+ Kxc4 3.Qc3#; 1.Sxd6! (2.Sf5+ Bxf5 3.Bc5#), 1...Bd3 2.Bxf6+ Bxf6 3.Qf2#, 1...Rd3 2.Qe4+ dxe4 3.Sf5#, 1...Re3 2.Qd2+ Rd3/Bd3 3.Qf4/Qc3#, 1...Rc3 2.Qd2+ Rd3/Bd3 3.Qf4/bxc3#, (1...Sb3 2.Sxh4). Rich content but the set-play does not appear after the key.

Commendation
Leonid Makaronez



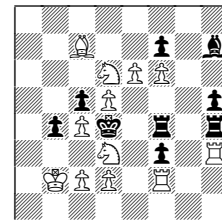
#3 (8+10)

Commendation
Daniil Yakimovich



#3 (8+9)

Commendation
Leonid Makaronez
& Vidadi Zamanov



#3√ (12+9)

Commendation - (Leonid Makaronez - M1787) Solution: 1.Sd5!! c6 2.Sxe3 (threat) ~/Sc3 3.Rxd6/Qd2#, 1...S~ 2.Qc3+ Kxd5 3.Bf7#, 1...e2 2.Sxc7 (3.Rxd6/Qe5#) Sc3 3.Qxc3#, 1...Kxd5 2.Qxc7 ~ 3.Rxd6#, 1...Bc5+ 2.bxc5 Sc3 3.Qxc3#, 1...Bxf4 2.Qc5+ Kd3/Ke5 3.Sxf4/Re7#, 1...Be5 2.Sxc7+ Bd6 3.Rxd6#. Nice key with plenty of variations.

Commendation - (Daniil Yakimovich - M1802) Solution: 1.Sfxd2! (2.Sf3+ gxf3 3.Rxd5[A]/Bxf4[B]#), 1...Rxd2 2.Ba3! ~/Rd5/Rd6 3.Rf5/Rxd5/Bxd6#. 1...Bxd2 2.Rf1! ~/Bxf4 3.R1f5/Bxf4[B]#, (1...cxd2 2.Bb2+ Rd4 3.Bxd4#). Nobokov theme.

Commendation - (Leonid Makaronez & Vidadi Zamanov - M1804) Solution: 1.Bb6? Bxd3!; 1.Re2! (2.Se5 & 3.Sc6/Sb5#), 1...Re4 2.Bb6 ~ 3.Bxc5#, 1...Rf5 2.Sxb4 (3.Sc6/c3#) cxb4 3.Bb6#, 1...Be4 2.Kb3 ~ 3.Sb5#, 1...Bxd3 (fxe2) 2.c3+ bxc3+ 3.dxc3#. Good defenses by Rook and Bishop.

The award remains open for three months. Please send comments to Mike Prcic.