

**Award Preliminary Maroc Echecs 2020 #3**  
By Mike Prcic, International Judge FIDE  
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**Participants :**

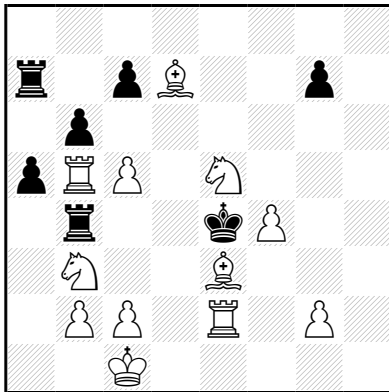
Alexeev Yuri M. :10 ;Garcia Mario Guido :6\*;Javadzade Salman :18\*\*;Kozhakin Vladimir : 21,22,23;Labai Zoltán :8,9\*;Lyubashevsky Leonid :7\*;Makaronez Leonid :5,7\*,19\*;Mlynka Karol : 2,16;Onkoud Abdelaziz :11,12;Pankratiev Alexandre :20;Reides Marcelo :6\*;Shavyrin Valery M. : 1;Sizonenko Victor :17; Alexander Shpakovsky : 4 ;Svitek Miroslav :13,14,15;Volchek Victor : 18\*\*,19\* and Zamanov Vidadi :9\*,18\*\*

I want to thank the organizers for entrusting me to judge such an important tourney.

I received 23 anonymous entries of average quality. Almost half of them were honored.

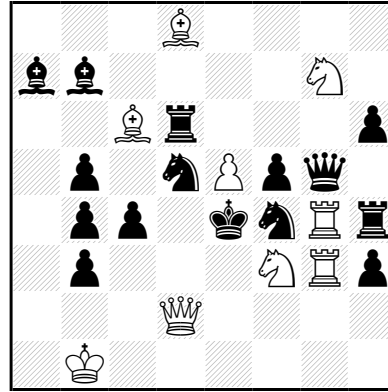
Here is my ranking:

**1 - Valery M. Shavyrin**  
**10° Maroc Echecs 2020**  
**1° Prix**



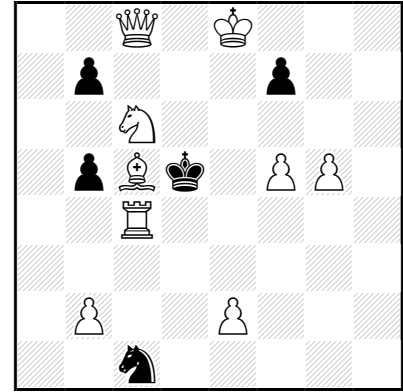
±3 (12+7) C+

**11 - Abdelaziz Onkoud**  
**10° Maroc Echecs 2020**  
**2° Prix**



±3 (9+15) C+

**4 - Alexander Shpakovsky**  
**Maroc Echecs 2020**  
**3° Prix**



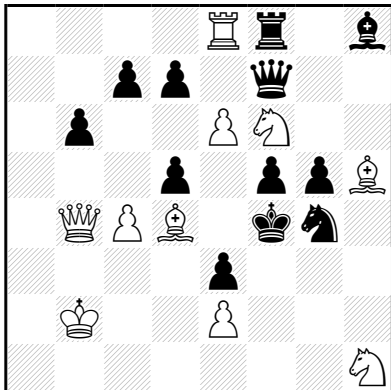
±3 (9+5) C+

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize - (Number 1)** After a failed try, a sacrificial key is followed by a quiet second move threatening three mates (ABC). In the threat we have the following sequence: a/ABC, b/BC and c/A. In the three variations, the mates are nicely separated: a/C, b/B and c/A. Solution: 1.Be6? Rb3!; **1.Sc4!** [2.Be6! Ra4(a) 3.Sc2#(A)/Bd2#(B)/Sbd2#(C); 2...Rxc4(b) 3.Bd2#(B)/Sbd2#(C); 2...Rxb3(c) 3.Sc2#(A)], 1...Ra4(a) 2.Sbd2(C)+ Kd5 3.c6#, 1...Rxc4(b) 2.Bd2(B)+ Kd5 3.Re5#, 1...Rxb3(c) 2.Sc2(A)+ Kd5 3.c4#, (1...Kd5 2.Rd2+ Ke4/Kxc4 3.Rd4#).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - (Number 11)** Two switchbacks after black loses guard of its Knights. Sacrificial key with a Queen sacrifice in the threat with a square vacation for its Knight. Solution: 1.Bf6! (2.Qd4+ Bxd4 3.Sd2#), 1...Rxf6 2.Qxd5+ Ke3 3.Qd2# (Switchback), 1...Qxf6 2.Qxf4+ Kd3 3.Qd2# (Switchback), (1...c3 2.Sxg5+ hxg5 3.Qd3#).

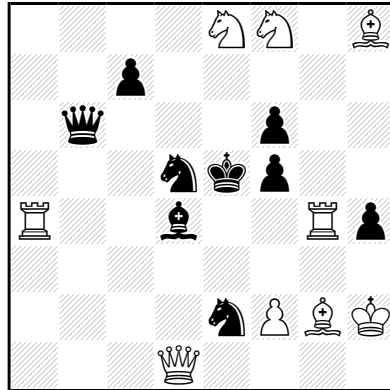
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - (Number 4)** Many self-blocks, good separation of mates by the white Knight and quiet second moves by the white Queen. Solution: **1.f6!** (2.Qf5+ Kxc4 3.Sa5; 2...Kxc6 3.Qd7#), 1...Sb3 2.e4+ Kxc4 3.Se5#, 1...Sd3 2.e4+ Kxc4 3.Sa5#, 1...Kxc4 2.Sa5+ Kd5 3.Qf5#, 1...b4 2.Qg4 (3.Qe4#) Kxc6 3.Qd7#, 1...b6 2.Rd4+ Kxc5 3.b4#, 1...bxc4 2.Se7+ Ke4 3.Qf5#; 2...Ke5 3.Qf5#, 1...bxc6 2.Qg4 (3.Qe4#) bxc4 3.Qf5#.

**7- Leonid Lyubashevsky**  
**Leonid Makaronez**  
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**1° Mention d'Honneur**



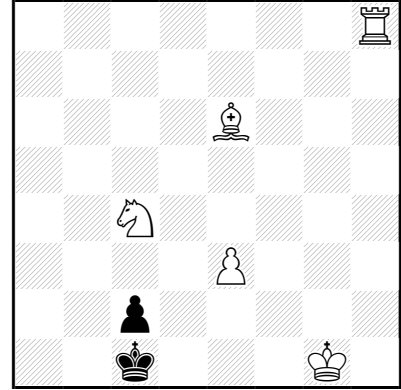
≠3 (10+12) C+

**17 - Victor Sizonenko**  
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**2° Mention d'Honneur**



≠3 (9+9) C+

**2 - Karol Mlynka**  
**10° Maroc Echecs 2020**  
**Recommandé**



≠3 (5+2) C+

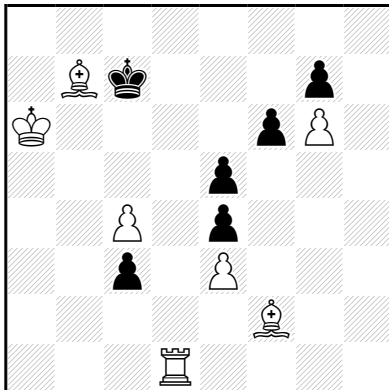
**1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention - (Number 7)** Black Knight correction. Good try. Many good variations. Solution: 1.cxd5? (2.Bc3#), 1...Se5 2.Bc3+ Sc4+ 3.Qxc4#, 1...Qxe6 2.Rxe6 (3.Bc3/Bxe3/Bc5/Be5/Bxb6#), 1...Qe7 2.Bc5+ Ke5 3.Qd4#, 1...c5 2.Bxc5+ Ke5 3.Qd4#, 1...Sf2!; **1.c5!** (2.Bc3+ d4 3.Qxd4#), 1...Sf2 2.Sxd5+ Ke4 3.Bf3#, 1...Se5!? 2.Bxe3+ Kxe3 3.Sxd5#, 1...Sxf6!? 2.Bxf6+ d4 3.Qxd4#, 1...Bxf6 2.Bxf6+ d4 3.Qxd4#, 1...Qxe6 2.Be5+ Kxe5 3.Sxd7#, 1...Qxf6 2.Bxf6+ d4 3.Qxd4#, 1...bxc5 2.Bxc5+ Ke5 3.Qd4#; 2...d4 3.Qxd4#.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention - (Number 17)** I like 1...Sdf4 2.Qe4 fxe4 3.Rg5#. The rest is all based on removing a guard. Solution: 1.Raxd4? Qxd4!; 1.Qd2? (2.Re4+ fxe4 3.Qg5#) Sdf4!; **1.Qd3!** (2.Re4+ fxe4 3.Qxe4#), 1...Sdc3,Sb4,Se3 2.Qxd4+[A] Qxd4/Sexd4 3.Bxf6[B]/f4[C]#, 1...Sec3,Sg3 2.Bxf6+[B] Sdxf6/Qxf6 3.f4[C]/Qxd4[A]#, 1...Qb1 2.f4+[C] Sexf4/Sdxf4 3.Qxd4[A]/Bxf6[B]#, 1...Sdf4/Sef4 2.Qe4+! fxe4 3.Rg5#.

Commendations in order of publishing.

**Commendation - (Number 2)** Salazar theme. Good tries with the white Rook in all four corners. Solution: 1.Bg4?[C] Kb1!; 1.Kf2?[D] Kb1!; 1.Rf8? Kd1[b] 2.Bg4+[C] Kc1/Ke1 3.Rf1#, 1...Kb1! [a], 1.Ra8?[A] Kb1[a] 2.Bf5[B] zz. Kc1 3.Ra1#, 1...Kd1![b]; **1.Bf5![B]** (zz), 1...Kb1[a] 2.Ra8[A] zz Kc1 3.Ra1#, 1...Kd1[b] 2.Kf2[D] ~ 3.Rh1#.

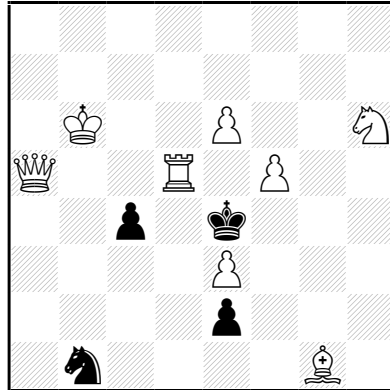
**10 - Yuri Alexeev**  
**10° Maroc Echecs 2020**  
**Recommandé**



♯3 (7+6) C+

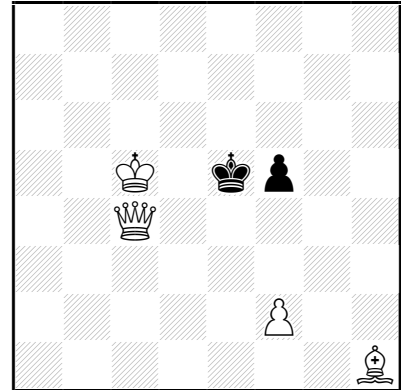
b) ♖a6→a8

**13 - Miroslav Svitek**  
**10° Maroc Echecs 2020**  
**Recommandé**



♯3 (8+4) C+

**22 - Vladimir Kozhakin**  
**10° Maroc Echecs 2020**  
**Recommandé**



♯3 (4+2) C+

**Commendation - (Number 10)** A nice try in a) with 2 good variations. Solution: a) 1.Bh4? (zz), 1...Kb8 2.Kb6 (3.Rd8#), 1...f5 2.Ka7 (3.Bd8#), 1...c2!; **1.Be1!** (zz), 1...Kb8 2.Kb6 (3.Rd8#), 1...c2 2.Ba5+ Kb8 3.Rd8#, 1...f5 2.Bxc3 (3.Bxe5#); b) **1.Rd5!** (zz), 1...Kb6 2.Kb8 (3.Rb5#), 1...c2 2.Be1 (3.Ba5#), 1...f5 2.Bh4 & 3.Bd8#.

**Commendation - (Number 13)** Two good tries. Creation and destruction of a battery. Solution: 1.Qa1? (2.Qd4 + Kf3 3.Qg4#), 1...c3 2.Qa4+ Kxd5 3.Qd4#; 2...Kf3 3.Qg4#, 1...Kf3 2.Qg7 (3.Qg4#) Ke4 3.Qg2#, 1...Sc3!; 1.Qe1? (2.Qh4+ Kxd5 3.Qd4#; 2...Kf3 3.Qg4#, 1...Kf3 2.Qf2+ Ke4 3.Qg2#, 1...Kxd5!; **1.Qa8!** (2.Rd4+ Ke5 3.Qh8#) 1...Kf3 2.Qg8 (3.Qg4#) Ke4 3.Qg2#.

**Commendation - (Number 22)** A nice miniature with a good try. Solution: 1.Qa6? (2.Qd6#), 1...Kf4 2.Qg6 (3.Qg3#) Ke5 3.Qd6#, 1...f4!; **1.Qf7!** (2.Qg7+ Kf4 3.Qg3#; 2...Ke6 3.Bd5#), 1...Kf4 2.Qg6 (3.Qg3#) Ke5 3.Qd6#, 1...f4 2.Be4 (3.Qf5/Qe7#) Kxe4 3.Qd5#.