

## Israel Ring Tourney Award: Fairies – 2016

*Judge: Paul Răican*

17 problems by authors from 9 countries participated in the tourney. I had to eliminate **Var. 2905** (Kochulov): after 2.Bd5+ Rg4, wK can't move to b3, so it isn't mate (confirmed by WinChloe).

Also, the following problems were not classified in the award for technical or artistic reasons:

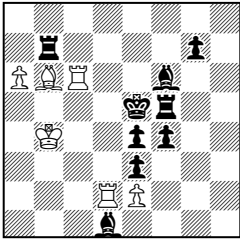
**Var. 2812** (Grushko): Three different checkmates are possible, see annex (A); **Var. 2860** (Shifrin):

In b) works also the try of a); **Var. 2864** (Grushko & Shifrin): At first sight this problem impressed me, but then, I discovered that the matrix has not been sufficiently exploited. See the annex (B) as new joint original. **Var. 2867** (Luce): The avalanche of conditions doesn't justifies enough the final stalemate. **Var. 2909** (Ruppin): It's a pity that we have the same key move in both phases;

**Var. 2914** (Grushko): With nPf5 at f7, we have ser-h#8 in both twins.

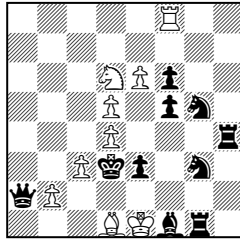
Here is my ranking, in reversed order:

**Menachem Witztum**  
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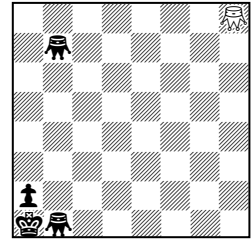
HS#3 6+9  
b) ♖f5→h5

**Anatoly Styopochkin**  
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H#2 2.1.1.1 9+10  
Circe

**Adrian Storisteanu**  
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Ser-H#14 1+4  
MessignyChess

**Commendations** (without order):

**Var. 2813 Menachem Witztum.** Two pinmates and change of roles between bRf5/bBf6

a) 1.♖a5 ♘h4 2.♘d8 ♘e1 3.♖e6 + ♖xe6# b) 1.♖c3 ♖h8 2.♘a5 ♖c8 3.♖d5 + ♖xd5#

**Var. 2858 Anatoly Styopochkin.** I liked the interferences of wBd1

1.♖a8 ♘g4 2.♖xf8[+w♖a1] 0-0-0 # 1.♖h8 ♘b3 2.♖xf8[+w♖a1] ♖d1#

**Var. 2859 Adrian Storisteanu.** Good use of Messigny Chess, in relation with the favorite unit of the Romanian author.

1.♞h8◀▶♞b1 2.♞b1-b8 3.♞b8-b6 4.♞b6◀▶♞b7 5.♞b7-b5 6.♞b5◀▶♞b6 7.♞b6-b4 8.♞b4♞b5 9.♞b5-b3 10.♞b3◀▶♞b4 11.♞b4-b2 12.♞b2◀▶♞b3 13.♞b3-b1 14.♞b1◀▶♞h8#

**Var. 2910 Sébastien Luce.** Two echo stalemates with pinned Rooks.

a) 1.♞h5 ♖d6 2.♖d5 + ♖c6 3.♖b5 + ♖xb5-b4[+b♖a8] 4.0-0-0 a8=♞ ==

b) 1.♖d8 ♖e5 2.♞h5 + ♖d6 3.♖d5 + ♖xd5-e4[+b♖a8] 4.♖c8 g8=♞ ==

**4<sup>th</sup> Honorable Mention: Var. 2907 Alberto Armeni.** Many promotions in both phases, but one less in the second.

1.b7 f1=♘ 2.b8=♖ ♘h2 3.hxg8=♖ b3 4.♖xh2 + ♖xh2#  
1.exd7 fxg6 2.d8=♖ ♘xa2 3.g8=♘ ♖xc3 4.♖d2 + ♖xd2#

**3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention: Var. 2913 Hubert Gockel & Eugene Rosner.** An amusing feature of relation between Antipodean and Symmetry Circe renaissances.

a) **1.c7!** zz 1...♖xh8[♘h8-d4] a 2.♘b6# **A** 1...gxh6[♘h6-d2] b 2.♖d4# **B** 1...♘xg2[♘g2-c6] c 2.♖b4# **C**

b) **1.♖b1!** zz 1...♖xh8[♘h8-a1] a 2.♖d4# **B** 1...gxh6[♘h6-a3] b 2.♖b4# **C** 1...♘xg2[♘g2-b7] c 2.♘b6# **A**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention: Var. 2866 Anatoly Styopochkin.** A very elegant construction with echo Cardinal mates. In one solution we have an unexpected Cardinal promotion.

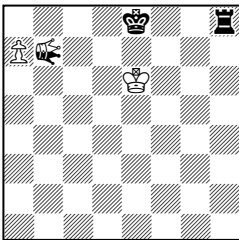
a) 1.0-0 ♖xf8 2.d1=♖ ♖g7 3.♖f8 ♖d2 4.♖h6 ♖h8#

b) 1.0-0-0 ♖e3 2.♖d3 + ♖d4 3.♖b7 ♖c4 4.♖a6 ♖a5#

**H. Gockel & E. Rosner**

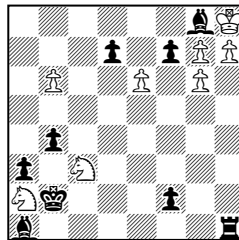
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**Sébastien Luce**  
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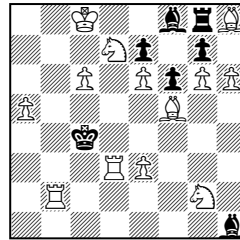
H==4 Circe 3+2  
b) ♖a7→g7  
Neutral locust ♞

**Alberto Armeni**  
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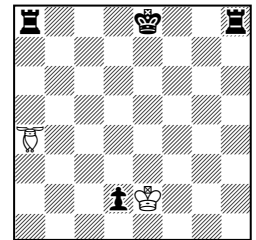
HS#4 2.1.1.. 8+9

**Theodor Tauber**  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM IRT 2016



#2 13+7  
a) AntipodeanCirce  
b) SymmetryCirce

**Anatoly Styopochkin**  
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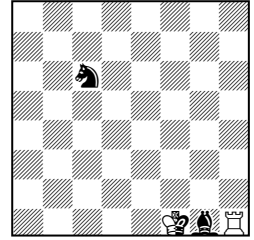
H#4 KoeKo 2+4  
b) ♖h8→a7  
♖=Cardinal

**1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention: Var. 2912 Michael Grushko.**

An impressive combination of three conditions in no less than 4 phases. I suggest to the author to look for duplexes in this kind of problems. Twin d was changed with author's permission.

- a) 1. ♖f1xg1[g1=r♙][+b♙c1]+ r♙g1-f2=♘  
 2. ♖h1xc1=♚[f2=r♙][+b♙d1] ♙d1-b3=♘ 3. r♙f2-b6=♘ r♙b6-a4=♙  
 4. ♚c1xc6[a4=r♘][+b♙d1]+ r♙a4-b2=♙ #  
 b) 1. ♖h1xg1=♚[f1=r♙][+b♙d1]+ r♙f1-h3=♘ 2. ♖g1-e1=♖ ♙d1-h5=♘  
 3. ♖e1-e3=♙ ♘h5-g3=♙ 4. r♙h3-g1=P + ♘c2xe3=♙[g1=r♙][+w♙f8] #  
 c) 1. ♖f1-e1 ♚e1-e2 2. ♖h1xg1=♚[e2=r♙] r♙e2-a6=♘[+b♙c5]  
 3. ♖g1xc5[a6=r♙] r♙a6-b7=♘[+b♙d6] 4. ♚c5-b5=♖+ r♙b7-d8=♙ #  
 d) 1. ♖h1xg1=♚[f1=r♙] + r♙f1-d3=♘[+b♙e3] 2. ♖g1-c1=♖  
 ♙e3xc1=♖[d3=r♙] 3. r♙d3-h3=♙[+w♙g1] ♖c1-c7=♙ 4. ♖g1xg2=♚  
 [h3=r♙] + r♙h3-f4=♙[+b♙e3] #

**Michael Grushko**  
 Ded. To Paz Einat 60  
 1<sup>st</sup> HM IRT 2016



HS#4 KoBulKings 1+2+1  
 CouscousCirce EinsteinChess  
 b) bSc6→c2 c) Circe Parrain  
 EinsteinChess KobulKings  
 d) c+ bSc6→g2

Neutral king ♚

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Var. 2911: Ofer Comay.**

A very well managed construction, which features Zilahi, batteries, pinned Pawns and minor promotions. a) 1. ♖xb7 ♘d6 (1...♘c5? Closes mating line; 1...♘g5/d2? Guards sacrifice square)

2. c8=♙ ♙b6 3. ♖f3 + ♘xf3#

b) 1. ♖xd8 ♘b5 (1...♘e6? Closes mating line; 1...♘f3/b3? Guards sacrifice square) 2. c8=♖ ♖e7  
 3. ♖d2 + ♘xd2#

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize Var. 2908: Semion Shifrin.** The point of this problem is a splendid idea: at check by King Black responds with checkmate by King. All is realized in two phases and with economic resources.

a) 1. ♖bb5 ♚b4 2. ♖xf4-c7 ♖e5 3. ♖xc8-a6 + ♖xa5-a4#

b) 1. ♖a6 ♚b7 2. ♖xe2-e7 ♖xa6-a4 + 3. ♖xf7-a2 + ♖c1#

I thank all participants and Paz Einat who gave me the unique occasion to admire their work.

**Annex**

**A:** a) 1. ♖xe3-g5[+w♙e8]+ ♖xf6-f5 [+b♙e1=B] 2. ♖e5 ♙g6 3. ♙xd2-d4[+w♙f8=♖] + ♖xd4-

h8[+b♙e1] # b) 1. f5 ♙xf5-f4[+b♙f1=♘] 2. ♘xd2-d4 [+w♙b8=♖] ♖b3 3. ♘e2 n♖xe2-c1 [+b♘e1] #

c) 1. ♖xe3-e4[+w♙e8=♘] ♘xf6-f5 [+b♙g1=♙] 2. ♙c5 d2-d4 3. ♖xd4-d5 [+w♙e8=♖] ♖xc5-f8[+b♙e1] #

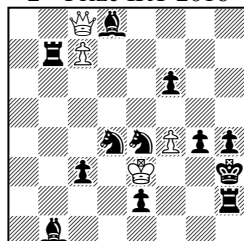
**B:** 1. ♘c4=♙ ♙xc4=♖[+w♙c2] 2. c3 ♖g4=♙ 3. hxg4=♘[+b♙c8] ♖b3=♙ 4. ♖a2=♖+ ♙xa2=R[+w♙h1] #

1. ♘c4=♙ ♖d2=♙ 2. c5 ♙b3=♘ + 3. ♖b1 ♙b4=♘ 4. ♖a2=♖+ ♘xa2=♙[+w♙h1] #

1. ♖d6=♖ ♖b6=♙ 2. ♖xb6=♖ [+b♙f8] ♙c5=♘ 3. ♘b1=♙ ♘b3=♙ 4. ♖d4=♖ b2#

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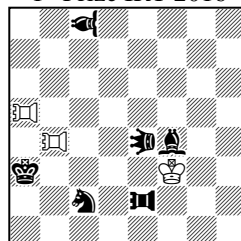


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b) ♖h3→c1

**Semion Shifrin**

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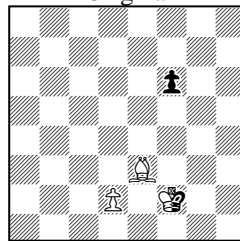


HS#3 b)f4→f7 3+6

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 Take&MakeChess  
 Leo ♚ Vao ♚ Pao ♖

**A. P. Răican**

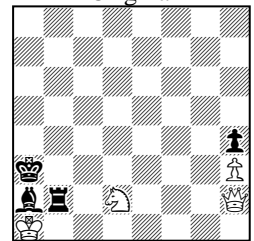
after M. Grushko  
 Original



H#3 Take&Make 3+1  
 CouscousCirce  
 b)e3→d3 c) e3=♙

**B. Grushko, Shifrin & Răican**

Original



HS#4 3.1.1... 4+4  
 EinsteinChess  
 CirceAssassin