

# Israel Ring Tourney - Fairies 2006 – 2009

*Judge: Michael Grushko*

During the years 2006 to 2009 forty four fairy problems were published. I propose the following distribution of honors:

## 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Vm 1579 Wenealin Alaikov

An interesting and complex set which focuses on two squares. Initially, white realize triple Nowotny tries on the square f5, black refute them to another square c6. In the solution, defenses on f5 lead to try threats mates and the try refutations on c6 become Barulin defenses. A great problem!

1. ♖f5? [2. ♖e5, ♜xe7#] 1... ♖xc6/♜xc6 2. ♞b1/♞d7# but 1... bxc6 !  
 1. ♞gf5? [2. ♖e5, ♜xe7#] 1... ♖xc6/bxc6 2. ♞b1/♞a8# but 1... ♜xc6 !  
 1. ♞hf5? [2. ♖e5, ♜xe7#] 1... bxc6/♜xc6 2. ♞a8/♞d7# but 1... ♖xc6 ! 1. ♞f2!  
 [2. ♞e3#] 1... ♖xc6/bxc6/♜xc6 2. ♞b1/♞a8/♞d7#  
 1... ♞f5/♞f5 2. ♖e5/♜xe7# 1... c4/♖e5, ♖xg7 2. ♜b4/♖(x)e5#

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Vm 2032 Valeri Barsukov & Semion Shifrin

A surprising tempo moves with a "go-come-go" effect. There is complete harmony between the play of white and black pieces in both phases and the exact choice of the sequence of black moves is commendable. All this - in excellent Meredith constructive design.

- a) 1. ♞xa3=wB (♜xd2?) ♞c1 2. ♜xd2=w♜ ♞b2#  
 b) 1. ♖xf2=wR (♜xg6?) ♖f3 2. ♜xg6=w♜ ♖f4#

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Vm 1808 Evgeny Bourd

Meredith with theme Zilahi and a nice addition - the sacrifices of the white knight. Perfect harmony between the solutions. Clever and well constructed.

1. ♞xh3 + ♜c3 2. ♞xc3 ♞c5#; 1. ♞xf8 + ♜c5 2. ♞xc5 ♞c3#

## 1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention: Vm 1923 Uri Avner

An interesting Meredith with subtle motivations mates. Well constructed.

1. ♜e~? ♞b1! 1. ♞e4! zz 1... ♞g2 2. ♜d3# 1... ♞b1 2. Gxh3# 1... ♞d3 2. ♜g2#

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention: Vm 1756 Gyorgy Bakcsi, Zoltan Laborczi & Laslo Zoltan

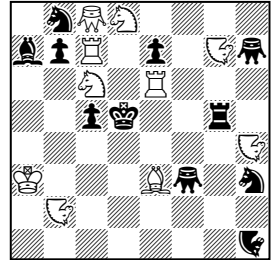
A spectacular raid of the lone black king, removing all obstacles to the finale. 1. ♞d7..6. ♞xe2 8. ♞xc1 9. ♞xd1..12. ♞xa1 13. ♞xa2 15. ♞xa4 16. ♞xa3 18. ♞xc4 19. ♞xb5 20. ♞xa5 22. ♞xa7 23. ♞xa6 25. ♞xc7 26. ♞xd8 28. ♞xf7.. 35. ♞xh4 36. ♞h5 37. ♞h6 h8=♚ #

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention: Vm 1861 Evgeny Bourd

Again, an excellent, skillfully executed work in Meredith form. There is full harmony between blacks and whites and the mating moves are delayed Umnov elements.

- a) 1. ♞b1 ♞g5 2. ♖c2 ♞f5# b) 1. ♞a7 ♞g8 2. ♖c7 ♞f7#

## Wenealin Alaikov 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, IRT 2006-9

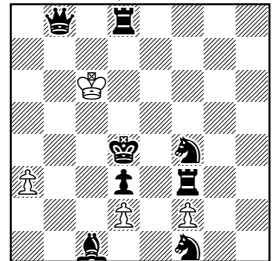


#2 10+11

Grasshoppers ♞  
Nightriders ♞

## Valeri Barsukov Semion Shifrin

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, IRT 2006-9

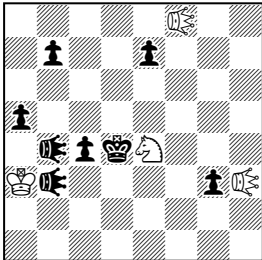


H#2 b) wPa3→g6 4+8

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## Evgeny Bourd

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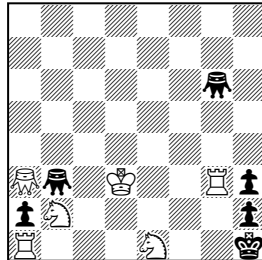


H#2 2.1.1.1 4+8

TransmutedKings Lion ♞

## Uri Avner

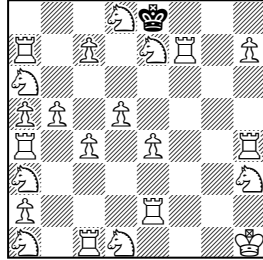
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#2 TransmutedKingS 6+6

## Bakcsi, Laborczi, Zoltan

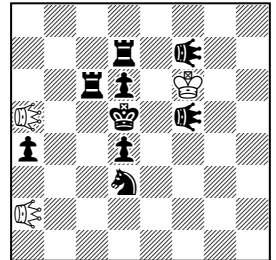
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Ser-H#37 22+1

## Evgeny Bourd

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H#2 b) ♞d7=♚ 3+9

Lions ♞

**4<sup>th</sup> Honorable Mention: Vm 1862 Guy Sobrecases**

An attractive miniature with desert scene and active Locust and neutral pawn.  
 1. ♖f5...5. ♖f2-f1=♙ 6. ♙f7 7. ♙h7+ ♗xh7-h8 [+♙d8]#  
 1. ♖f5...5. ♖f2-f1=♚ 6. ♚f6 7. ♚h6 ♗xh6-h7 [+♚h8]#

**Commended without order**

**Vm 1864 Erwin Masanek**

An interesting long series-mover with a one move set-mate. Black faces a choice 1. R:h5 or 1.gh.. Decides 1.gh ! with a good finale. Set 1...♗g3#  
 1.gxh5 2.♖f6 3.♖xf4 4.♖xe4 5.♖f4 6.♖xf3 7.♖f1 8.♗f2 9.g1=♗ ♗e4#

**Vm 1490 Omri Admoni**

Clear black moves painting building and "go - come" effect. An attractive game in which the winner is the white pawn. The only pity is that in the final position wBg4 is idle.

1.♗e8 2.♗c6 3.♗f6 4. ♖e7 5. ♗e5 6. ♖f5 7. ♗d7 8. ♖e6 9. ♗d7 d5#

**Vm 1488 Albert Grigorian**

Acceptance of the sequence of promotions not new, but in combination with double pinning in the final position it is commendable. Good Meredith construction.

1.h5 2.h4 3.h3 4.hxg2 5.g1=B 6.h1=♖ 7.♖h4 8.♗xd4 9.♗c3 10.♖c4 ♖b3 =

**Vm 1666 Arpad Molnar**

Typical, but always an attractive combination for this condition: to double check to be double paralyzing of checked pieces. Unfortunately, the design is not optimal as can be seen by the version suggested by Semion Shifrin (see diagram).

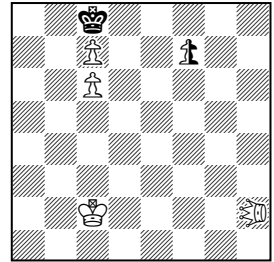
- a) 1.♗e1 + ♗d3 2.♗b3 + ♗e6 =
- b) 1.♗e3 + ♗g4 2.♗d3 + ♗xe4 =

**Vm 1667 Gyorgy Bakcsi & Laslo Zoltan**

Interesting idea: white consistently denies black return in "circe" but the finale could be more interesting. Good Meredith construction

1.♖h8 2.♖xa1 3.♖g8 4.♖xb1 5.♖f8 6.♖xc1 7.♖xf7 (+♖d8 )  
 8.e7xd8=♖ 9.♖d8-d3=

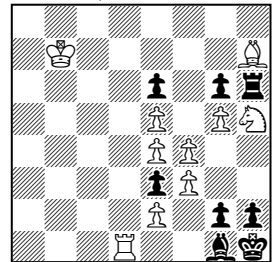
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Ser-H#7 2.1.1... 4+1+1

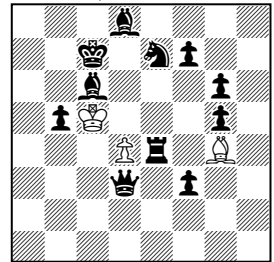
Circe. Locust ♗  
 neutral pawn ♖

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 Com, IRT 2006-9



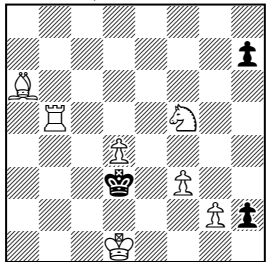
Ser-H#9 10+8

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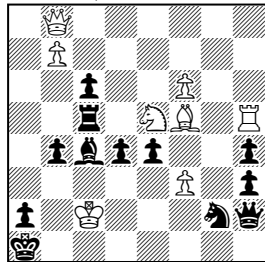
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Ser-H=10 7+3

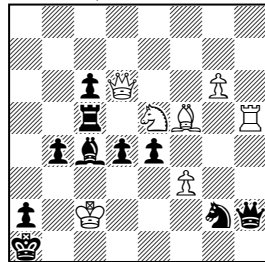
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H=2 Madrasi 8+12

b) ♖b4→f7

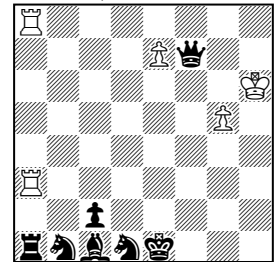
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 (v. Semion Shifrin)  
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H=2 Madrasi 7+10

b) ♖b4→d7

**Gyorgy Bakcsi**  
**Laslo Zoltan**  
 Com, IRT 2006-9



Ser-r=9 Circe 5+7