

Challenge 56: Obstruction

In the game of Obstruction, players alternate turns claiming a square of rectangular grid. No player may play in an occupied square or in any square that neighbors an occupied square. The last player to claim a square is the winner. (This is equivalent to placing non-attacking chess kings on the board, with the winner being the final player to place a king.)

On a 5×5 board, does the first player or second player have a winning strategy?

