

Xin Wu Can Pian (Endgames of Military Plans)

Xin Wu Can Pian was published in the 5th year of Jia Qing (1800 A.D.), during the Qing Dynasty. It was written by Xia Bing and edited by Wu Shao Long. There are six chapters in the book, with the first two on problem diagrams, and the last four on technique. There are 148 games, all ties. The editor did a great job in categorizing the problems, and the techniques presented in the book are concise but profound. There is an addendum of sixteen examples at the end of the book that stress the important points while studying classical and recent game records. (© Yutopian 1999)

Problem Three- Simply

Beautiful

Red to play and tie

C9=6; P8=7

K5=6; P6=5

C9=3; Stalemate

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h88K8R889
4555p5556
4%5[ E ] 5%6
$5%5%5%5 ^
42222222P
488888886
$5%P%5ccr
4%5; 5' 5%e
45P5, P55P
122k2/ 223
  
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Solution-

C3+6; R6=7

C2+6; R7+9

B1-3; P3=4

K6=5; RP=5

P5+1; K4+1

N9-8; K4+1

C2-2; B5+7

N8-7; K4-1

N7-6; P5+1

R1=5; P5+1

R5-2; P4=5

N6-5; K4=5

C2=9; P9=8

Problem 2- Channeling the Flow

Red to Play and Tie

788K8R889
4555p5556
4%5[5]5%6
\$5%5%5%5^
42222226
48P888886
\$5%P%5ccr
4%5;5'5%e
P5P5,P556
122k2/223

Solution:

- C2+6; R6=8
- C3-2; FP=4
- C3=6; P4=5
- C6+7; P6=5
- B1-3; R8=6
- P5=4; R6=7
- B3+1; R7=5
- R1+2; R5+5
- R1=6; K4=5
- C6=5; R5=4
- R6-1; P3=4
- C5-7; K5=4
- B1+3; P4+1
- C5=6; P4=3
- P4=5; P1=2
- K6=5; P2=3
- C6-1; P5=6
- K5+1; Tie

Problem 1- Exchanges Over A Wall

Red Plays First and Tie

p88K8R889
4555**p**5556
E%5[E] 5%6
\$5%5%5%5 ^
422222226
488888886
\$5%5P5**ccr**
4%5; 5' 5%**e**
P5P5, P556
122. **k**/223

Solution: **C2+6; R6=8**
 C3-2; P3+1
 K6=5; P4=5
 C3-1; R8=7
 C3=7; R7+7
 B1+3; B5-7
 C7=6; P5=6
 R1-1; R7=9
 B3-1; P1=2
 P9=8; P2=3
 B1+3; P3+1
 C6+8; BP=5
 C6-7; B7+5
 C6+1; P3=4
 K5=6; P6=5
 C6+6; BP=6
 B3-1; P6+1
 B1+3; P6+1
 P5+1; K4=5
 C6=8; Tie