PONG HAU K'I

A game from China - It couldn’t look easier!

You need 2 players each with 2 stones of different colors.

The stones are placed as in the picture. The players now take it in turns to move one stone along a line to an adjacent empty space.

The winner is the one who blocks the opponent's stones.

Is it best to go first?

Can you devise some tactics to help you win?

How many possible positions are there?