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Possible mistake in Chamberlin's 'How To Play Warri'

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'How To Play Warri' is the most advanced strategy book on Warri / Oware to date. Two editions have been printed and the first edition is now out of print and very rare. The second edition can be purchased from Amazon and our website when we have it in stock. The strategies outlined in the book are a result of David B. Chamberlain's many years of studying with grandmaster players in Antigua. It is a very useful book to learn some basic strategy and gain some tips for developing ones games. However one must be aware that the rules featured in the book allow grand slam captures and double moves.

One of the results thrown up by the solving of Oware by Xavier Blanvillain (Bap) is a possible mistake in Chamberlain's book, pertaining to an end game scenario. In analysing and demonstrating classical end game moves, Bap says he has discovered a mistake in the book on page 39 in the 5 against 3 ending. In the book it says 'each player should keep his seeds no matter who moves first'. Bap begs to differ and says 'If South plays the right-most pit, s/ he will get all the 8 seeds and not only the 5 seeds that the books says'

He goes on to say 'The book gives 2 possible positions but there's a 3rd one...' Can anyone discover that third position and thus verify Bap's results. Remember this is if both players make perfect moves. We look forward to your comments and responses.

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