

# Longest Series Tournament

[For the Introduction / Rules / Schedule / Prizes / Position / Tutorial / etc. Please click here.](#)

## News

19 December, 22:45	As a few cooks have been found, the problems have been modified as follows: <i>Cornel's</i> B2 has been replaced with a B2/63/11, <i>Ján &amp; Ivan's</i> B1 by a B1/70/17, and their B2 by a B2/58/12.
14 December, 01:51	The results can be found <a href="#">here</a> .
14 December, 00:02	GONG !! End of the tournament ! Thank you all for a great and interesting one as always. Congratulations to all the participants, they all did incredibly well, as you will soon see. I will publish the results probably in about an hour or two, patience..
14 December, 20:22	I made a silly mistake, and rolled-back the news site a few days backward, an hour or two ago (thanks <i>Cornel</i> for notifying me about it !). So to be fair, the tournament will actually end two hours later than planned, that is @ 00:00 GMT+1 (in 3 hours and a half) !
14 December, 11:17	The fight is on ! <i>Cornel</i> takes the lead again with a B2/67/12 !!
14 December, 00:35	Exciting ending of the tournament ! <i>Ján &amp; Ivan</i> take the lead now in category B2 with a most lovely B2/66/12, and also get very close to <i>Cornel</i> in B1 with a B1/76/17, having a record 11 vulcans !!
12 December, 22:28	Hum.. kof kof.. how to present this ?! Well.. <i>Arno</i> storms through with an absolutely incredible C1/130/23 !! Another beautiful and intricate problem..
11 December, 22:28	<i>Ralf</i> also reaches the 100 mark in the D1 category with an elegant and intricate D1/101/20, and <i>Alain</i> also improves considerably with a C1/62/18, getting quite close to <i>Ralf</i> , and starts C2 with a C2/32/12 ! 3 days left !
09 December, 10:28	<i>Cornel</i> improves still with a D1/132/18 !
02 December, 23:22	Welcome to <b>Branko Koludrovic</b> ! He and <i>Arno</i> improve with an impressive A1/123/18 !! <i>Branko</i> has also agreed to be coauthor in A2, since the matrix is based on one of his problems. It would have been of course acknowledged anyway in the results. Less than 2 weeks left now till the end of the tournament..
16	<i>Cornel</i> continues to break records, with another incredible D1/131/17 and a

<b>November, 00:42</b>	D2/91/12 !!
<b>13 November, 22:18</b>	<i>Ján &amp; Ivan</i> improve in the D2 category with a beautiful D2/63/12 !
<b>6 November, 21:50</b>	<i>Cornel</i> breaks the 120 barrier with a D1/121/21 !!
<b>4 November, 23:11</b>	<i>Arno</i> also passes the 100 and takes the lead again with an incredible A1/111/16 !!
<b>1 November, 20:27</b>	<i>Cornel</i> improves even more, with a lovely D1/119/17 and a D2/80/12 !!
<b>27 October, 21:30</b>	Which he improved considerably, with an incredible D1/119/18 !!
<b>26 October, 00:03</b>	<i>Cornel</i> improves in categories D1 and D2 with two lovely new entries, a D1/104/17 and a D2/75/12 !!
<b>18 October, 22:36</b>	And we have two new great entries.. <i>Ralf</i> takes the lead in category A1 with a very elegant and intricate A1/90/20, and <i>Ján &amp; Ivan</i> break the 10 vulcans bar with a beautiful B1/70/17 !!
<b>16 October, 21:49</b>	<i>Cornel</i> is on a roll, and drastically improves in both categories A1 and A2 with a very nice A1/71/15 and an A2/61/12 respectively !! Just a note, for the Vertical Mirror Circe categories, one can have two bishops for one side of the same square color in the position, without requiring a promotion, thus it is perfectly valid..
<b>15 October, 19:47</b>	<i>Ján &amp; Ivan</i> get very close to <i>Cornel</i> with a beautiful B2/58/12 !
<b>12 October, 10:10</b>	And also significantly in category A1 with a very nice A1/56/17 !
<b>7 October, 22:45</b>	<i>Ralf</i> improves in category A2 with an A2/36/11 !
<b>6 October, 21:34</b>	<i>Ján &amp; Ivan</i> improve with a B1/65/16 !
<b>5 October, 00:35</b>	<i>Cornel</i> improves with an A2/42/11 and an A2/44/13, and <i>Ján &amp; Ivan</i> with a B1/64/18 !
<b>27 September, 09:05</b>	<i>Cornel</i> continues to improve with a very nice A2/40/9 !
<b>26</b>	<i>Sébastien &amp; Cornel</i> both improved in the A2 category with an A2/31/10 and an

<b>September, 22:52</b>	A2/33/12 respectively !
<b>25 September, 11:03</b>	And also in category A2 with an A2/31/12 !
<b>24 September, 14:16</b>	<i>Ralf</i> starts in category A1 with an elegant A1/41/18 !
<b>23 September, 10:13</b>	Good morning everyone :-) <i>Cornel</i> improves considerably with a most elegant B2/63/11 !!
<b>22 September, 18:29</b>	<i>Cornel</i> succeeded to C+ validate his B2/57/11 entry, after an incredible 330 hours !! That's about 14 days of constant calculations ! I wonder if spinach was on the menu... :-)
<b>18 September, 20:35</b>	<i>Ralf</i> takes the lead with a beautiful C1/70/23, while <i>Cornel</i> improves with a surprising B2/57/11 !! Please note that several of the entries in this tournament are only partially validated.. thus there is always some slight risk that there may be a refutation.
<b>14 September, 08:48</b>	Which they improve with one less piece, thus a B1/58/13, getting very close to passing to B2 !
<b>13 September, 23:23</b>	<i>Jan &amp; Ivan</i> improve their previous B1 entry with a very nice B1/58/14 featuring 8 vulcans !
<b>8 September, 09:27</b>	And <i>Cornel</i> takes again the lead with a B2/54/11 !
<b>7 September, 22:49</b>	The battle at the top for B2 continues... <i>Cornel</i> first finds a beautiful B2/48/11, to which <i>Jan &amp; Ivan</i> respond with a B2/52/11 !
<b>6 September, 23:17</b>	And it's not over, they also start category B1 with a B1/52/14 !!
<b>6 September, 22:07</b>	<i>Jan &amp; Ivan</i> also continue to improve in category B2 with a nice B2/47/11 !
<b>5 September,</b>	<i>Jan &amp; Ivan</i> improve significantly with a very subtle and elegant D2/85/17 !

21:05	
4 September, 20:51	And <i>Jan &amp; Ivan</i> retake the lead with a B2/43/11...
4 September, 17:37	<i>Cornel</i> takes the lead in category B2 with an elegant B2/43/12 !
4 September, 16:21	<i>Jan &amp; Ivan</i> improve with a lovely B2/42/9, just 9 pieces !
4 September, 11:37	<i>Jan &amp; Ivan</i> continue to improve with a D1/69/16 !
2 September, 08:13	Welcome to <b>Sébastien Luce</b> ! He starts with a beautiful A2/27/9...
1 September, 19:29	<i>Jan &amp; Ivan</i> improve yet more with a B2/42/10 !
30 August, 21:53	<i>Jan &amp; Ivan</i> improve with a lovely D2/52/12, and start D1 with a D1/67/16 !
30 August, 18:54	<i>Alain</i> improves with a beautiful C1/50/19 and takes the lead in that category !
29 August, 20:10	<i>Arno</i> improves with a C1/49/21 !
28 August, 19:46	<i>Cornel</i> continues the ascent with a great B1/84/23 !!
28 August, 19:07	<i>Arno</i> takes the lead in C1 with a very nice C1/47/20 !
28 August, 09:27	And another wow... <i>Ralf</i> finds a most beautiful D1/90/20, quite complex and intricate !! I love the creative ideas that the participants think about...
26 August, 19:27	Wow... now that's a nice surprise... <i>Cornel</i> storms through with an unbelievable B1/76/22 !! With no less than 9 vulcans !! (I will write vulcans from now on to denote either justified volcanic rebirths or effects)
25 August,	<i>Jan &amp; Ivan</i> continue to improve with a B2/41/9 !

18:30	
25 August, 11:09	<i>Ralf</i> starts the D1 category with an interesting D1/48/16 !
25 August, 07:55	<i>Cornel</i> finds a beautiful B2/36/12 and gets very close to <i>Jan &amp; Ivan</i> ! Interestingly, <i>Jan &amp; Ivan</i> uncovered a bug in Popeye for the Circe Volcanic. A position which results in C+, clearly has additional solutions. So we should be a little bit careful when verifying.
22 August, 19:30	<i>Cornel</i> breaks the 100 mark, with... a most elegant D1/100/20 !! <i>Arno</i> also improves considerably with an A2/84/12, and an A1/89/14 !! The A2 is C+, but the A1 couldn't be validated... even after leaving it for two nights straight. It is probably correct though. I will accept partially validated entries if there is no way to verify them in a reasonable time...
22 August, 10:57	<i>Cornel</i> greatly improves with two beautiful entries, a D2/70/12 and a D1/81/17 !!
21 August, 12:12	<i>Cornel</i> finds <i>Paul's</i> D2/30/4 !
20 August, 17:35	Welcome to <b>Paul Raican</b> ! He starts with a surprising and lovely D2/30/4 !!
20 August, 14:03	<i>Arno</i> improves considerably with an incredible A2/74/11 !!
20 August, 11:41	<i>Cornel</i> starts the B1 category with another highly intricate and complex B1/41/18 !
19 August, 20:40	<i>Jan &amp; Ivan</i> start category D2 with a highly intricate but beautiful D2/45/11 !!
19 August, 19:27	<i>Cornel</i> improves even more and reaches the 30 mark with an elegant B2/30/9 !
19 August, 07:34	<i>Cornel</i> also improves with a beautiful B2/24/7 !
19 August, 07:12	<i>Jan &amp; Ivan</i> have done it again ! They improved with an incredible B2/40/9, having no less than 5 volcanic rebirths/effects !! That is impressive, and far from trivial. I will from now on also grant 5 additional points if all the volcanic captures (all the "->v" in popeye's solution) are either followed by a rebirth or an effect that are meaningful, and there are at least 3 of them. I think that's a challenge by itself, and is very nice from a problem's harmony point of view. As we are still in the initial stage of the tournament, I hope it is ok.
18 August, 20:17	<i>Jan &amp; Ivan</i> improve with a brilliant B2/32/12 !! <i>Cornel</i> also starts in this category with a very nice B2/19/7 !
18 August,	Welcome to <b>Alain Biénabe</b> ! He starts with an elegant C1/40/19...

12:40	
17 August, 21:39	<i>Cornel</i> takes the lead with an interesting and somewhat unusual A2/23/9 !
17 August, 18:41	Welcome to <b>Cornel Pacurar</b> ! He starts by finding the same nice entry as <i>Arno's</i> ! Thus an A2/10/2...
17 August, 15:06	<i>Arno</i> improves with an A2/10/2 !! Is it possible to do better with just 2 pieces ?!
17 August, 12:32	<i>Ralf</i> starts the C2 category with a lovely C2/43/11, and <i>Jan &amp; Ivan</i> with another beautiful entry, a B2/29/6 having 4 volcanic rebirths/effects !! A very intricate problem...
17 August, 11:26	Welcome to <b>Arno Tüngler</b> ! He starts with a cute A2/7/2 ! Yes... just 2 pieces !! ;-) A nice one to try to find... There may be even more with just 2 pieces.
17 August, 10:15	Thinking about the parry theme. The parry moves themselves should logically also be taken in account I believe. So the total number of points would be: 5 x [justified volcanic effects/rebirths] + number of moves by black + number of parry moves by white.
17 August, 08:09	Welcome to <b>Jan Golha &amp; Ivan Skoba</b> ! They start with an unbelievable B2/28/5 !! A lovely problem, with 3 justified volcanic rebirths !!
17 August, 07:49	Welcome to <b>Ralf Krätschmer</b> ! First tournament's entry, with a very nice C1/44/13 !
16 August, 23:13	Many thanks to <b>Thomas Brand</b> for informing me that <a href="#">Popeye</a> has moved to Github, and the latest version is not 4.69 but 4.75 ! The info has been updated in the introduction page. He also informed me that there is another very nice interface for Popeye that I was not aware of, <a href="#">Teddy</a> by <b>Bjorn Enemark</b> .
15 August, 15:41	A precision for the 2nd theme. I modified from 2 volcanic rebirths, to 2 volcanic effects/rebirths. Indeed, with this condition, a piece can have a profound effect without even being reborn yet ! So that would count as well.
15 August, 10:36	A new 4th theme has been presented, using the Take&MakeChess condition combined with a Circe variant, and I must say I'm pretty much excited by the prospects of that one as well. It should allow for beautiful creative ideas...
15 August, 07:58	Thanks to <b>Arno Tüngler</b> for notifying me that the 4th theme was already worked on previously ! So I will come up with a new one today...
14 August, 22:03	GONG !! Good luck to all ! :-)
14 August, 18:39	Hello World !

## Rankings

## Theme A

### Category 1 (min 40 moves)

Competitor	Number of moves	Number of pieces	Date of sending
Branko Koludrovic, Arno Tüngler	123	18	2 December, 15:34
Ralf Krätschmer	90	20	19 October, 19:01
Cornel Pacurar	71	15	16 October, 07:50

### Category 2 (12 pieces max)

Competitor	Number of moves	Number of pieces	Date of sending
Branko Koludrovic, Arno Tüngler	84	12	20 August, 15:59
Cornel Pacurar	61	12	16 October, 07:58
Ralf Krätschmer	36	11	8 October, 12:56
Sébastien Luce	31	10	26 September, 19:27

## Theme B

### Category 1 (min 20 points)

Competitor	Number of points	Number of volcanic rebirths/effects	Number of moves (black+white)	Number of pieces	Date of sending
Cornel Pacurar	84	9	34	23	28 August, 19:27
Ján Golha & Ivan Skoba	70	10	15	17	19 October, 14:56

### Category 2 (12 pieces max)

Competitor	Number of points	Number of volcanic rebirths/effects	Number of moves (black+white)	Number of pieces	Date of sending
Cornel Pacurar	63	8	18	11	23 September, 23:38
Ján Golha & Ivan Skoba	58	8	13	12	14 October, 19:50

## Theme C

### Category 1 (min 40 moves)

Competitor	Number of moves	Number of pieces	Date of sending
Arno Tüngler	130	23	12 December, 17:32
Ralf Krätschmer	70	23	15 September, 20:48

Alain Biénabe	63	18	10 December, 11:08
---------------	----	----	--------------------

Category 2 (12 pieces max)

Competitor	Number of moves	Number of pieces	Date of sending
Ralf Krätschmer	43	11	17 August, 11:29
Alain Biénabe	32	12	10 December, 11:08

Theme D

Category 1 (min 30 moves)

Competitor	Number of moves	Number of pieces	Date of sending
Cornel Pacurar	132	18	09 December, 01:15
Ralf Krätschmer	101	20	09 December, 17:53
Ján Golha & Ivan Skoba	85	17	5 September, 16:27

Category 2 (12 pieces max)

Competitor	Number of moves	Number of pieces	Date of sending
Cornel Pacurar	91	12	15 November, 21:17
Ján Golha & Ivan Skoba	63	12	13 November, 12:49
Paul Raican	30	4	20 August, 17:34