

I have found that to beat the program you have to set it up so that you can force it's move by getting 3 in a row twice in succession, which then has it set up so that you can make a move that gives you 3 in a row two ways and, thus, a win. Below is a quick and simple example of this. If the program starts forcing your move by placing 3 in row, watch out you probably have lost.

For an easy and quick win, make the following moves:

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421 this forces the program to block your 3 in a row

424 this forces the program to block your 3 in a row again

422 and sets you up to make this move which gives you 3 in a row two ways

423 you win