

# TARRANT COUNTY CHESS NEWSLETTER

## Alliance Chess Club

Tuesdays, La Madeleine's, N. Tarrant Parkway 6:30-Close

## Fort Worth Chess Club

Saturdays, Southwest Regional Library 1:00-6:00

## Arlington Chess Club

Thursdays, Social Bakehouse Café, Arlington 6:30-8:30

## Tarrant County Chess Club

Tuesdays, Barnes & Noble, Hurst 6:30-10:00

## Caro-Kann Defence - Miscellaneous Lines [B12]

The Caro–Kann Defence is a [chess opening](#) characterised by the moves:

1. [e4 c6](#)

The Caro–Kann is a common defence against the King's Pawn Opening and is classified as a "Semi-Open Game" like the Sicilian Defence and French Defence, although it is thought to be more solid and less dynamic than either of those openings. It often leads to good endgames for Black, who has the better pawn structure. In this issue we focus on **Miscellaneous lines with 2.d4, ECO [B12]**

1. **Landau Gambit:** 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Bd3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 6.e6
2. **Mieses Gambit:** 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Be3

3. **Diemer–Duhm Gambit:** 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.c4

4. **Advance Variation:** 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5

5. **Prins Attack:** 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.b4

6. **Bayonet Variation:** 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.g4

7. **Tal Variation:** 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4

8. **Van der Wiel Attack:** 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3

9. **Dreyev Defense:** 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3 Qb6

10. **Bronstein Variation:** 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Ne2

11. **Short Variation:** 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2

12. **Botvinnik–Carls Defense:** 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5

13. **Maroczy Variation:** 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3

14. **Maroczy Gambit:** 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 e5 5.Nf3 exd4 6.Bc4

15. **Modern Variation:** 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2

16. **New Caro–Kann** 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 g6

17. **Edinburgh Variation:** 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Qb6

18. **Ulysses Gambit:** 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 dxe4 4.Ng5

19. **De Bruycker Defense:** 1.e4 c6 2.d4 Na6

20. **Hector Gambit:** 1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 dxe4 4.Ng5

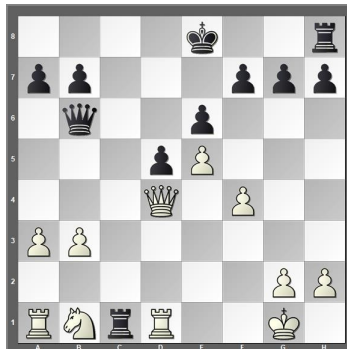
Source: Wikipedia

## Caro-Kann Origins

The opening is named after the English player Horatio Caro and the Austrian player Marcus Kann who analyzed it in 1886. Kann scored an impressive 17-move victory with the Caro–Kann Defence against German-British chess champion Jacques Mieses at the 4th German Chess Congress in Hamburg in May 1885:

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Bd3 Bxd3 5.Qxd3 e6 6.f4 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.Nf3 Qb6 9.0-0 Nh6 10.b3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nf5 12.Bb2 Rc8 13.a3 Ncxd4 14.Nxd4 Bc5

15.Rd1 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 17.Qxd4 Rc1 0–1



## Upcoming Events for Tarrant County

### June 2nd

Arlington Chess Club Open 33  
<https://arlingtonchess.com>

### June 9th

Many Springs 113  
<http://www.tarrantcountyChessclub.org>

### June 23rd & 24th

Texas Women's Chess Championships  
<http://seriouschessplayers.com>

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## Caro-Kann Defense - Advance Variation [B12]

**Pena,Jack (1861) – Crane, Tom (1530) [B12]**  
2nd Fort Worth Veterans Championship (1.1), 31.03.2018

1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.d4 e6 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 Nd7 7.0-0 Ne7 8.Bg5 Qb6 9.b3 Nf5 10.Nc3 [The position is equal.]

10...Be7 11.Rad1 Bxg5 12.Nxg5 h6 13.Nf3 a6 14.a4 Rc8 15.Na2 [15.h3=]

15...c5 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Qc3 [White wants to play b4.]

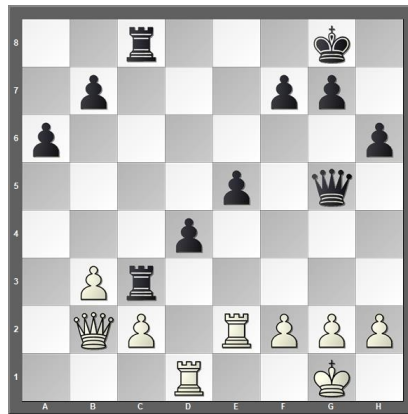
17...0-0 18.Qb2 [18.a5 Qc7 19.h3]

18...Nxa4!-+

19.Qa3 [19.bxa4 Qxb2]

19...Nc3 20.Nxc3 Rxc3 21.Rc1 [21.Rd3 might work better. 21...Rxd3 22.cxd3]

21...Rfc8 22.Qb2 Nd4 23.Nxd4 Qxd4 24.Rfd1 Qxe5 25.Rd2 Qg5 26.Re2 d4 27.Rd1 e5 [White must now prevent ...Qf5.]



28.Rd3? [28.g3]

28...Rxd3 0-1

## Tactic of the Month

Started with the Maroczy Variation

White to Move

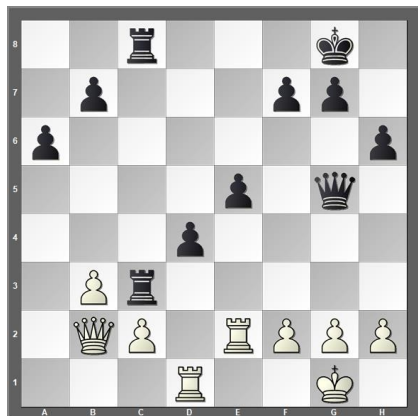


Answer: 10. Qf5!! Kd8 11. Qa5+ Kc8 12. Rfd1 Nbd7 13. Nx6 gxf6 14. Rac1 Qg6 15. Baf1 1-0

## More Caro-Kann [B12]

### Maroczy Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Be3 Qb6 6.Rb1 dxe4 7.fxe4 e5!? 8.Nf3 Nd7 9.Bc4!? Ngf6 10.Qe2 Qc7 11.Bxf7+! Kxf7 12.Qc4+ Ke8 13.Qe6+ Kd8 14.Ng5 Rf8 15.Rd1! exd4 16.Bxd4 Ne8 17.Bc5! Qf4 18.Qxd7+ 1-0



### Tal Variation

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Be4 6.f3 Bh7 7.e6 fxe6 8.Bd3 g6 9.Ne2 Bg7 10.Nf4 Kf7 11.h5± g5 12.Bg6+- Bxg6 13.hxg6+ Kf6 14.Qd3! gxf4 15.Bxf4 Nd7 16.Rh5! Qa5+ 17.Nc3 Bf8 18.Rf5+! 1-0



## Learn More About Caro-Kann [B12]

On the Web:

[https://www.365chess.com/eco/B12\\_Caro-Kann\\_defence](https://www.365chess.com/eco/B12_Caro-Kann_defence)  
<https://chessopenings.com/eco/B12/>

Books:

**B12 CHESS INFORMANT Caro-Kann**  
by Yasser Seirawan

**Caro-Kann Defence Advance Variation - B12**  
by Tirabassi Maurizio

Videos: (also check out YouTube!)

Caro-Kann Secrets Released (ChessLessons.com)

Foxy 18: Caro-Kann  
Foxy 133: Unorthodox Caro-Kann  
Foxy 162: Winning with the Dynamic Caro-Kann