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## Christmas Greetings to All ... and A Happy New Year

We feel it important to publish the Treasurer's report of the last year in order that members may be aware of the necessity of paying dues. If the non-players do not accept some financial responsibility, the future of the Bulletin is in doubt.

### TREASURER'S REPORT, 1952

Balance, September 1, 1951.....	\$ 58.01	
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Trophies, 1951 State Congress .....	\$ 33.29	
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Tournament expenses, "Tri-State" .....	38.56	207.25
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#### THE TRI-STATE TOURNAMENT

William Byland and associates were most efficient in the unostentatious welcoming of the many stran-

gers within their gates. It would indeed be difficult to imagine so large a group being cared for more satisfactorily. Pittsburgh's Downtown

White has tried to counter-attack and to give the B some scope but without avail. The B has to return to defense.

40 . . . R-R5; 41K-K2, R-R6; 42R-KN3, K-B2; 43K-B, K-K; 44R-R3, N-B2!

An excellent move covering all weak points. If necessary, the black K can find a haven at QN2.

45R-RR8ch, K-Q2; 46B-N5, R/6xBP; 47R-Q8ch, K-K3; 48R-Q6ch, RxR; 49PxR, KxP; 50RxPch, R-B3; 51B-B4ch, K-Q2; 52R-N7, K-B; 53BxN,? Although this is a blunder, White should lose eventually.

53 . . . KxR; Resigns.

**W. Oaker vs. D. Burdick**  
Ruy Lopez

1P-K4, P-K4; 2N-KB3, N-QB3; 3B-N5, P-QR3; 4B-R4, N-B3; 50-0, NXP; 6P-Q4, P-QN4; 7B-N3, P-Q4; 8PxP, B-K3; 9Q-K2,

The Adams Variation, which I had expected.

9 . . . N-B4; 1R-Q, B-K2; 11BxP!

But this I hadn't counted on. More usual is 1P-B4, after which I had intended 11 . . . P-Q5!

11 . . . BxB; 12N-B3, N-N5!?

Correct is 12 . . . B-B5, but the text may be playable. If now 13P-QR3, B-B5; 14RxQch, RxR; 15Q-K3 or K, NXP and Black should win.

13N-K! P-QB3; 14P-QR3, NXP; 15NxN, N-N6? 16R-N, NxB? 17QRxN, B-B4

Black underestimates the danger caused by the time-wasting knight moves.

18NxB, PxN; 19Q-B3, Q-N3

19 . . . 0-0 was better but Black's position is bad in any event.

20P-QN4, B-K2; 21N-K3! Q-R2

There is no good move. Black is lost.

22NxP, B-Q; 23N-B7ch! Resigns.

**S. Werthammer vs. D. H. McClellan**  
Four Knights Game

1P-K4, P-K4; 2N-KB3, N-KB3; 3N-B3, N-B3; 4B-N5, N-Q5; 5B-R4, P-B3

Far better is B-B4 or NxN.

6P-Q3, P-Q3

Up to this point the game has developed logically and each side has played well. Black played for Q-side pressure and White for an attack on the K. The position is full of tension and ready for fireworks.

White has pull and still has the draw in hand. The text is a severe strategical error taking all the life out of his game.

White has a good move in 16Q-R4.

If K-B; 17NxRPch. If P-KR3; 17N-K4ch, P-KN4; 18BxPch, PxB; 19QxPch, K moves; 20NxP and White stands much better.

If K-Q2; 17NxBP! BxN? loses the Q after 18 P-K6ch. If K-K; 17QR-R5 again if he wants to draw, or 17QR-Q to play later R-Q3 to continue the attack.

16 . . . PxN; 17B-N5ch, K-B; 18P-N4, Q-B2; 19QxQch, KxQ; 20NfxP, KPxP; 21R-K2.

Again a spiritless defensive move instead of P-K6ch! with chances in the center compensating for the QB file weakness.

E. g.: 21P-K6ch, K-N3; 22B-B4, PxP; 23B-K5! PxP 24K-R and White should win.

21 . . . KR-K.

Preventing P-K6ch.

22P-KR4, R-K3; 23K-R2,

White's last two moves serve no purpose. R-Q followed by B-B is better.

23 . . . PxP; 24PxP, R-B6;

From this point Black puts up a highclass demonstration of play on the QB file while White valiantly tries to attack and defend at the same time.

25R-QN, P-QR3

R-N5, winning the QP, had to be prevented.

26P-R4?

Better is B-Q8 followed by R-N3. The text loses the QRP.

26 . . . P-QN3; 27R-N2, R/3-QB3; 28K-N2, K-K3; 29K-B, R-QR6; 30R-N4, N-B5; 31R-N3, RxP; 32R-N3, N-R6; 33P-QB3, R/5-B5; 34R-QN2, N-N4; 35B-Q2, P-N3; 36P-R5, K-B2; 37R-R3, K-N2; 38PxP, PxP; 39B-R6ch, K-N; 40B-Q2

game against W. Oaker has become famous and was published in "Chess Life" and in "Chess Review" with notes by Hans Kmoch. Our readers certainly will be interested in Burdick's own annotations.

Finally, from the recent "Tri-State" a win by Dr. Werthammer against the champion of Pennsylvania, a lively 'nip and tuck' affair.

**J. Hurt vs. G. W. Armstrong**  
Danish Gambit

1P-K4, P-K4; 2P-Q4, PxP; 3N-KB3, N-QB3; 4B-QB4, B-B4; 5P-B3, P-Q6; 6P-QN4, B-N3; 7P-QR4, B-QR3; 8P-R5, B-R2; 9Q-N3, Q-K2; 10 O-O, P-R3?

After N-R3, Black has nothing to fear as far as the position is concerned (though Hurt is very cunning in this type of game).

11P-K5!

Paralyzes Black's K-Wing.

11 . . . N-Q; 12B-R3, N-K3; 13QN-Q2, P-Q3; 14N-K4, P-KB4; 15PxP, PxP; 16NxPch!

A pretty sacrifice which should win in short order.

16 . . . QxN; 17BxN?

Too fancy. QR-K wins easily.

After the text Black can escape.

17 . . . BxB; 18KR-K, K-Q2; 19P-B4, R-QB; 20Q-R4ch, K-Q; 21QR-Q, N-B3; 22P-B5, Q-Q2; 23RxP.

White has to play wild; otherwise Black's piece-plus will tell. White succeeds in inducing his opponent to stumble.

23 . . . QxR; 24R-Q, QxRch; 25QxQch, K-K2??

This loses while K-K wins, because then after 26Q-Q6, R-B3; or 26Q-K, N-K5.

26Q-Q6ch, K-B2; 27N-K5ch, K-N; 28QxQch, K-R2; 29QxPch, Resigns.

**G. W. Armstrong vs. C. T. Morgan**  
French Defense

1P-K4, P-K3; 2P-Q4, P-Q4; 3N-QB3, B-N5; 4P-K5, P-QB4; 5P-QR3, BxNch; 6PxB, Q-B2; 7N-B3, N-K2; 8B-Q2, QN-B3; 9B-Q3, B-Q2; 10 O-O, N-B4; 11BxN, PxB; 12B-B4, B-K3; 13N-N5, QR-B; 14R-K, N-R4; 15Q-R5, K-K2; 16NxB?

is a place chess players must know. The senior event was won by T. Archibald of Ohio and Dr. S. Werthammer of W. Va. with even scores, 3½-1½. Prizes (no cups) were awarded the co-champions. Harold White of Ohio won the Junior Championship with a clean slate, William Kiraly of Pennsylvania was not a close second.

The "Open" nearly doubled in entries, the first effort made last year at Huntington. S. Lipking of Cleveland was undefeated in a field of 32, of his victims being F. Sorensen, defending champion. R. Kause, Roth, Mrs. S. R. Owens, and D. Wachs were strong newcomers.

Saul Wachs, last year's Senior Champion, though still an eligible minor, elected to play in the "Open" and tied for fourth, but had 17 Soli points.

Jim Schroeder, a friend of the Bulletin and the W.V.C.A., returned competition after his bit with the army in the Far East. He was the Junior runner-up in 1950. Others asantly remembered from former years were the genial Mr. Keeney and cheerful Mrs. Jones, the "tie guy" from Columbus, members of the gallery.

Mrs. Owens is, we believe, the first woman to play, as well as to "face" in a Tri-State meet. We hope her example will be followed by others of her sex. (By the way, Harold White, winner of the Junior's, her son.)

**GAMES SECTION**

The games from the State Tournament feature G. W. Armstrong. Although the selections represent what they are very creditable. Only through a blunder did he lose against Hurt in one of his rightfully feared Danish Gambits. The game with Morgan was a "battle royal", unfortunately also marred by a blunder. From the National Junior Championship Tournament in Omaha Donald Burdick selects, with rare sportsmanship, one of his losses. This

Black has to lock his KB in be-  
cause of the threat NxP.

6 . . . , B-N5 is refuted by 7NxP!  
Q-R4; 8N-B4! BxNch; 9PxB, QxB  
(not QxPch? because 10B-Q2 loses  
at least a piece) 10PxN and White's  
game is superior. Best for Black is  
NxNch followed by B-B4 or B-N5.  
7NxN, PxN; 8N-K2, Q-R4ch; 9P-  
QB3, PxP; 10PxP

White has now a mobile central  
P mass.

10 . . . , B-K2; 11 O-O, O-O; 12B-B2,  
B-N5; 13P-B3

White could also well have played  
P-KR3, as after BxN; 14QxB, QxP;  
15B-K3, P-Q4 (best) 16QR-B, he  
gets a very strong attack for the P.  
13 . . . , B-K3; 14B-K3, KR-Q, 15P-  
KR3, Q-R4; 16P-KB4?

There is a storm brewing and  
White certainly gets an irresistible  
attack by pushing the KBP. But first  
Q-K was necessary.

16 . . . , B-N5?

The wrong way to sacrifice the  
B. Correct is BxKRP!! 17PxB, QxP.

A. 18B-B2, N-N5; 19B-KN3, N-  
K6 and Black wins.

B. 18B-Q4, N-N5; 19R-B2 (the  
only move). P-QB4 and Black wins.

C. 18R-B2 (best to return the  
piece), QxB; 19Q-QB and White has  
to fight for a draw.

17FxB, NxNP; 18R-B3, Q-R7ch; 19K-  
B, Q-R8ch; 20N-N, N-R7ch; 21K-K2,  
NxR; 22KxN, Q-R4ch; 23K-B2, Q-  
R5ch

The attack has been repulsed and  
White has material advantage.

24K-B, B-B3; 25P-Q4, P-B4; 26R-N,  
PxP; 27PxP, P-QN3; 28R-N5, QR-B?

P-N3 is necessary though White  
should win in the long run. The text  
loses the Q.

29R-KR5, Q-N6;

Threatens QxB and if:

A. 30B-B2, QxP

B. 30B-Q2, BxP

C. 30B-B, BxP! 31QxB, RxB.

30 R-R3!

This traps the Q.

30 . . . , Q-N3; 31P-B5, Resigns.

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