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Step by Step: Tactics

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Step by Step: Tactics is designed to improve your basic tactical skills. For best results, play the position out over-the-board and think for as long as you need without moving the pieces. You can also print out this page and use it as a workbook exercise in a classroom setting.

After the moves 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Nd7 6.0-0 Ne7 7. Be3 Bg6 8.Nbd2 Nf5 9.Bg5 Qb6 10.Nb3 h6 11.Bd2 Be7, how did White win?



[FEN "r3k2r/pp1nbpp1/1qp1p1bp/3pPn2/3P4/1N3N2/PPPBBPPP/R2Q1RK1 w kq - 0 12"]

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| Checkmate | Fork |
| Deflection | Pin |
| Discovered Attack | Removing the Guard |
| Double Attack | Skewer |
| En Prise | Trapped Piece |

Source Game: Semasev, K (2307) – Davidov, Mi (2169)
World Seniors Rowy POL (6), 17.09.2000

Answer: 12.Ba5 traps the black queen.

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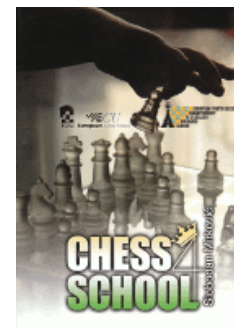
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