



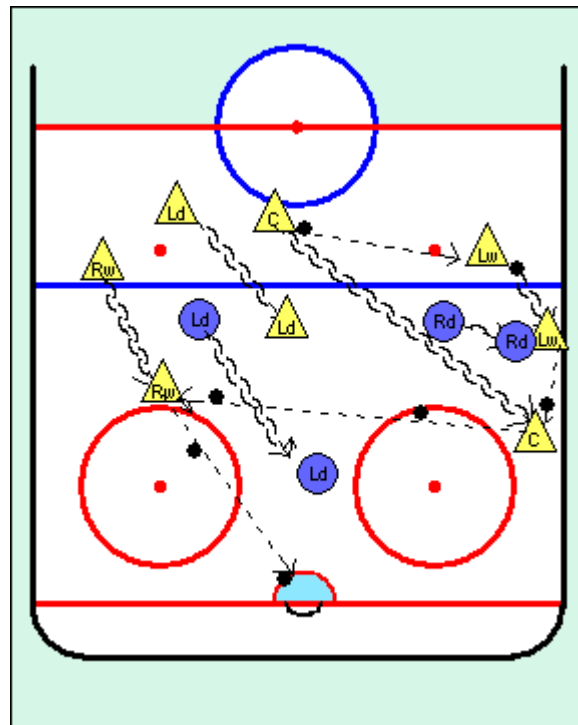
“Every 3 on 2 should result in an excellent scoring opportunity because 2 players cannot cover 3 players if the 3 players are properly positioned”

OFFENSIVE ZONE – 3 ON 2 – OFF BOARDS AT BLUE LINE

When we come over the red line towards their blue line with 3 players against 2 of their defencemen when our centre has the puck and their defence appear to be playing high, at or just inside their blue line so we cannot win the blue line, the centre should pass the puck to the winger before he hits the blue line and the winger should try to carry it over the blue line wide fast and hard.

Their defenceman will probably try to body check our winger. Just before their defenceman does, the winger should push the puck off the boards gently to the centre that is skating hard ahead of the body contact that is just happening. The centre should be able to pick up the puck and have a two on one against the other defenceman.

SPEED CHANGES CONFUSE THE DEFENCE



If our defenceman sees this happening successfully and the puck is actually by their defenceman, our defenceman can come late into the deep slot creating a 3 on 1 not just a two on 1.



REMEMBER: THE WAY TO DEFEAT THIS PLAY IF YOU ARE DEFENDING IS FOR A FORWARD TO BACKCHECK AND COVER ONE OF THE PLAYERS ON THE RESULTING 2ON 1 OR FOR THEIR DEFENCEMAN NOT TO TRY TO CHECK THE WINGER AT THE BLUE LINE BUT INSTEAD TO FORCE HIM INTO THE CORNER TO GAIN TIME FOR A FORWARD TO GET BACK.