



“ The deep slot is one of the best spots in their zone to score from, too far from the net for their defencemen to cover, and too far in the middle for the wingers who are covering our points usually. If their centre isn't there or doesn't cover it effectively, we'll have a great chance to score.”

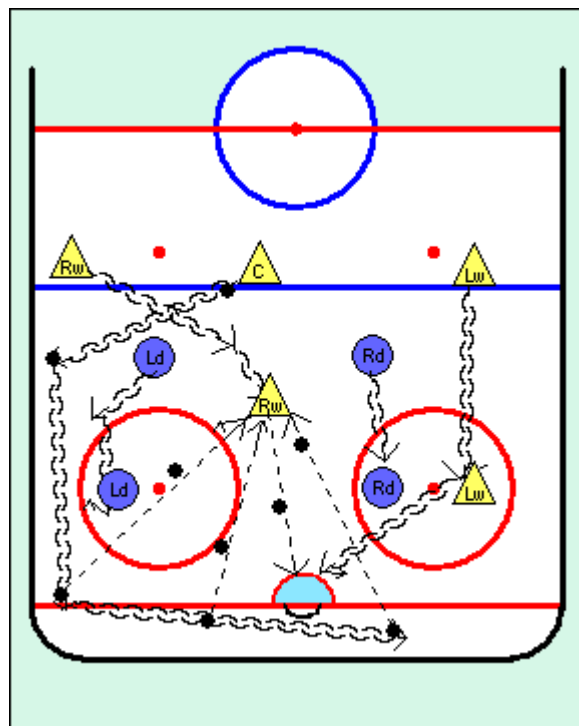
OFFENSIVE ZONE – 3 ON 2 – CENTRE BY DEFENCE

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, one good play after our forwards have crossed their blue line is for the centre to skate hard in front of our right winger and around their defencemen wide along the boards on our right side. At the same time our right-winger should fade a little into the middle slowing down and feeling the open area developing as their defenceman chases our centre. Our right-winger must not get close to their other defenceman.

SPEED CHANGES CONFUSE THE DEFENCE

If our centre can get around their defenceman and fairly clear, say one or two steps, our centre has the following options:

- Pass to our left-winger going hard to their net before our centre gets into their corner. Our centre then goes hard to the net for any rebound
- Go to the net himself for a short side shot or 5 hole shot or wide side shot
- Continue around their defenceman and before going around their net pass the puck back to our right winger in the deep slot mid way between the hash marks of their face off circle and their blue line or pass the puck back to our right winger almost directly behind their defenceman at the side of their net in the face off circle
- Continue around their net with their defenceman chasing him and pass the puck to our right winger in the deep slot
- Continue around their net with their defenceman chasing him and pass the puck to our defenceman coming late into the deep slot on the other side



IN ALL SITUATIONS OUR RIGHT WINGER MUST SLOWLY FADE INTO THE OPEN SPOT FAIRLY FAR AWAY FROM THEIR NET AS THEIR DEFENCEMAN CHASES OUR CENTRE IN ORDER TO GET WIDE OPEN

The same play can work with our centre going left instead of right with the left and right-wingers changing responsibilities from the above.

REMEMBER: THE WAY TO DEFEAT THIS PLAY IF YOU ARE DEFENDING IS FOR A FORWARD TO BACKCHECK AND COVER THEIR RIGHT WINGER FADING INTO THE DEEP OPEN SPOT