

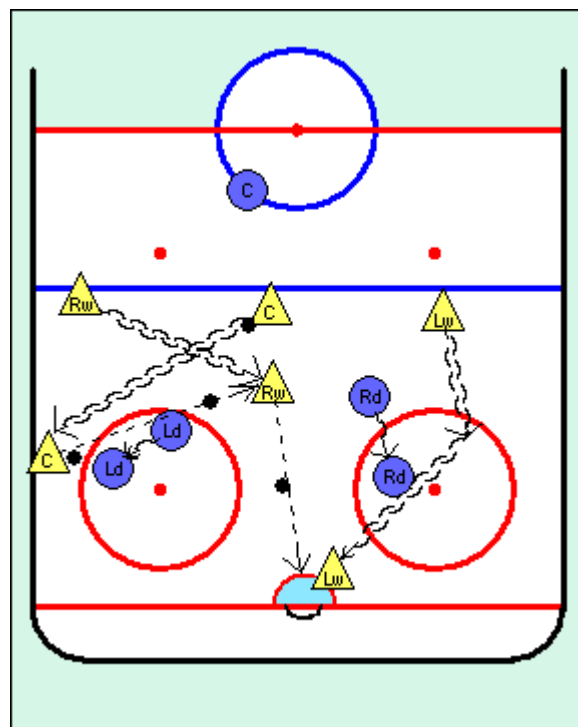


“Great offensive team hockey is about isolating one of their players against two of ours even on 3 on 2’s”

### OFFENSIVE ZONE – 3 ON 2 – CENTRE FAKE AROUND DEFENCE FEED DEEP SLOT

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 start to go wide around their left defencemen close to the boards on our right side. At the same time our right-winger should fade a little towards the middle slowing down and feeling the open area developing as their defenceman turns or moves sideways to chase our centre. Our right-winger must not get close to their other defenceman and be a little right of the middle slot to let the centre make an easy pass to our right-winger.

### SPEED CHANGES CONFUSE THE DEFENCE



Once our centre has made the pass to our right-winger, our winger has the following options:

- Make a return pass to the centre going to the net
- Pass the puck to the left-winger if he is open or
- Shoot with our left-winger going to the net for the rebound. This is the preferred play

If their defenceman makes a good fast move sideways and back so our centre can't pass back to our right-winger or go around their defenceman, our centre can skate in a sharp tight circle to the



right and circle around between their defenceman and the boards. Their defenceman, not anticipating this, should be left going too far into his corner. Our left-winger on the far left seeing our centre's move should hang back and be wide-open fading into the deep left slot. Or our defenceman coming into their zone late will be open. Our right-winger should go to their net hard when he sees the centre circling back to make their right defenceman stay close to their net. This will open up our left-winger fading into the deep left slot.

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 GETTING OPEN FOR THE RETURN PASS OR THE CENTRE CIRCLING BACK**