



“ We wait all game to get odd man rushes, we shouldn't waste the opportunity”

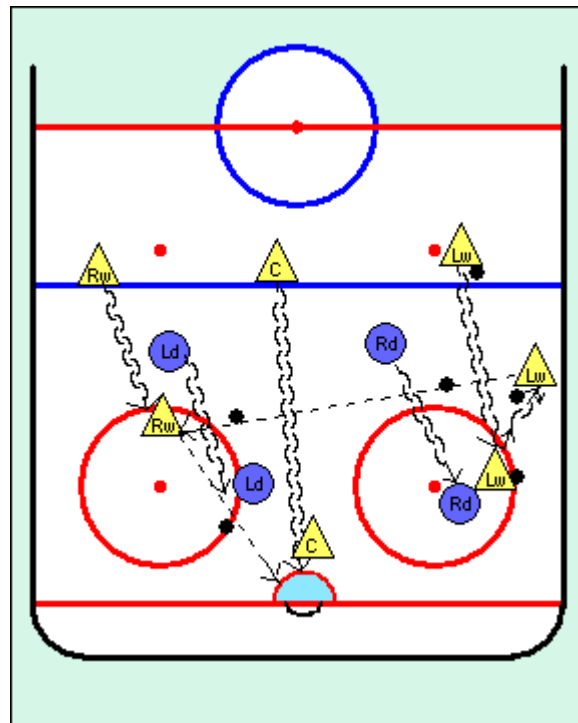
OFFENSIVE ZONE – 3 ON 2 – WINGER CURL

When we come over the red line towards their blue line with 3 players against 2 of their defencemen when our winger has the puck and it is a clear 3 on 2 with none of their back checking forwards close to us, one good play is for the winger to skate hard and wide past their blue line encouraging their defencemen to come over wide to try to check him.

When the defenceman gets close to our winger and just before he tries to check him, our winger curls abruptly and sharply to the inside towards the boards going back towards the blue line slightly.

SPEED CHANGES CONFUSE THE DEFENCE

At the same time our centre and our other winger have crossed their blue line hard. Our centre goes to the net trying to draw their other defenceman over to him and make him back up a little and our other winger fades a little to the middle but stays wide at the top of their circle waiting for the curling winger on the other side to pass the puck to him for a good shot on net.



This play is designed to create a two on one with the defenceman who does **not** go wide after the curling winger. This defenceman will have to choose whom to cover, our centre going to the net or our winger at the top of the circle as long as they stay at least 20 feet away from each other. If this defenceman leans to covering our centre going to the net, our winger is open at the top of



their face off circle. If this defenceman covers our winger at the top of the face off circle, our centre is open. Their defenceman can't cover both if we separate our players properly.

REMEMBER: THE WAY TO DEFEAT THIS PLAY IF YOU ARE DEFENDING IS FOR A FORWARD TO BACKCHECK AND COVER THE NON-CURLING WINGER AS HE POSITIONS HIMSELF AT THE TOP OF THEIR FACE OFF CIRCLE OR FOR THEIR DEFENCEMAN NOT TO TRY TO CHECK THE CURLING WINGER BUT INSTEAD TO FORCE HIM INTO THE CORNER TO GAIN TIME FOR A FORWARD TO GET BACK.