



*“On 3 on 2 rushes try to confuse their defencemen into making a mistake and leaving one of our players wide open”*

### OFFENSIVE ZONE 3 ON 2 – WINGERS CROSS SIDES

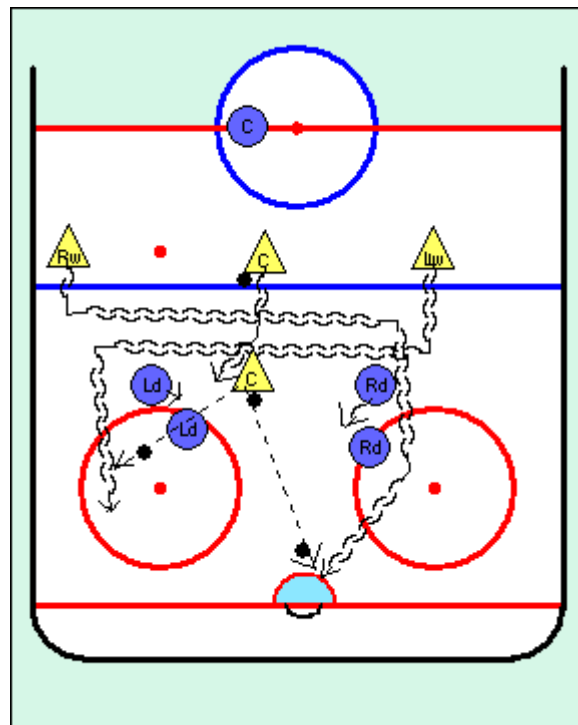
When we come over the red line towards their blue line with 3 players against 2 of their defencemen when our centre has the puck and it is a clear 3 on 2 with none of their back checking forwards close to us, one good play is for the centre to skate hard up to their blue line and slow down just over the line as their defencemen continue to back in a bit.

When our centre is over their blue line, the wingers both cross to the other side of the ice in front of or behind our centre switching sides and go wide around their defencemen. Our centre fades either left or right at the same time finding the most open area, depending on what their defencemen do.

This play is designed to confuse their defencemen causing one or both of them to move out of position, either lunging at our centre or going with the crossing wingers.

If our centre is a right shot, one good play is for our centre to fade to the right and as our right-winger goes around their right defenceman to the net, our centre passes the puck to him very close to the net for the deflection in, or a shot or stickhandle.

### SPEED CHANGES CONFUSE THE DEFENCE





If one of their defencemen fades back with either winger as the winger goes around him, our centre fills the space left by this defenceman and takes the shot with the wingers ready for the rebound.

If one of their defenceman lunges at our centre as he slows down, our centre just passes off to the now open winger.

**REMEMBER: THE WAY TO DEFEAT THIS PLAY IF YOU ARE DEFENDING IS FOR A FORWARD TO BACKCHECK AND COVER THE CENTRE AS HE SLOWS DOWN OVER THE BLUELINE, OR FOR ONE DEFENCEMAN TO NOT ALLOW THE CENTRE TO CROSS THE BLUELINE AND SLOW DOWN.**