



*“ Turn a 2 on 2 into a 2 on 1 by pressuring one of their defenceman ”*

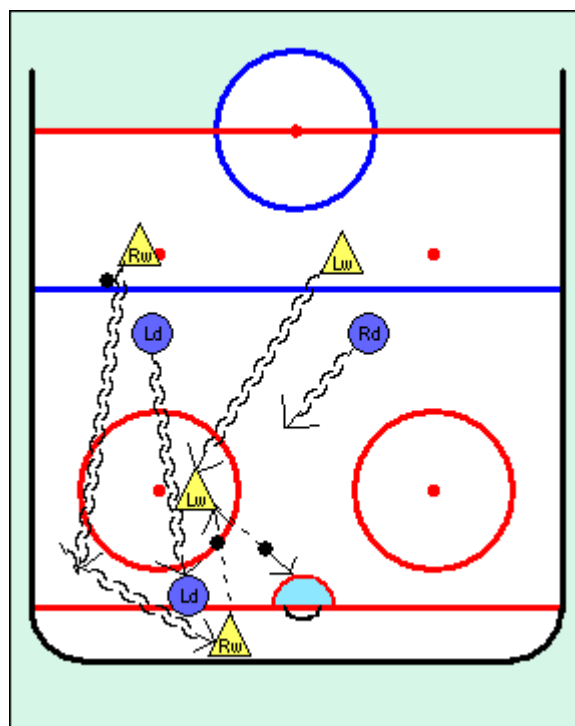
## OFFENSIVE ZONE – 2 ON 2

When we come over the red line towards their blue line with 2 players against 2 of their defencemen when it is a clear 2 on 2 with none of their back checking forwards close to us, our best play depends on how their defencemen are positioned.

### Their Defenceman High at Blue Line

If their defencemen stay high at their blue line rather than backing in, our two forwards have a number of options:

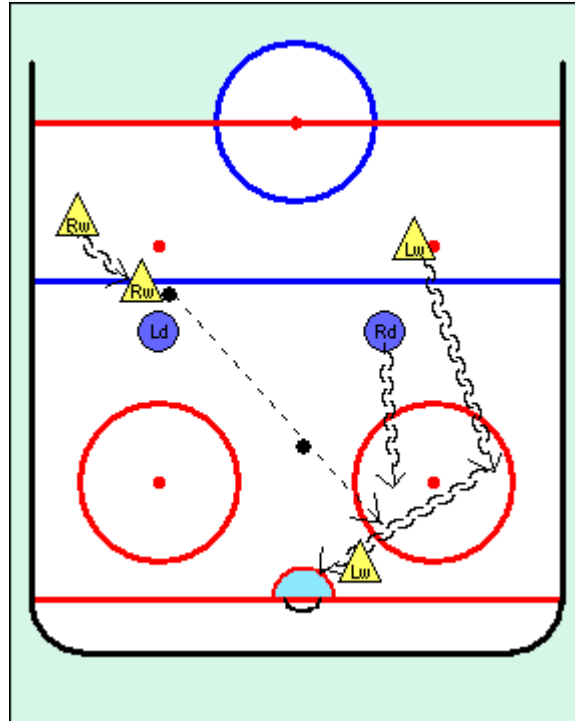
- Our player with the puck can go wide and hard to the side of their defenceman at the boards trying to get by him so he is clear to go in on net himself or make a pass back to the other forward now stacked behind him away and over from the other defenceman in the face off circle. This play needs to be run at top speed so our forward who ends up getting a pass in scoring position gets there before their defenceman. This effectively creates a 2 on 1 on this defenceman down low.



If their defenceman is slow and cannot catch the forward going by him on the boards then just go to the net and score.



- Our player with the puck slows down and fades to the middle a little after just crossing the blue line, while our other forward skates hard around their defenceman to the net and receives a hard pass as he goes in on net. This can be a tip-in type play.

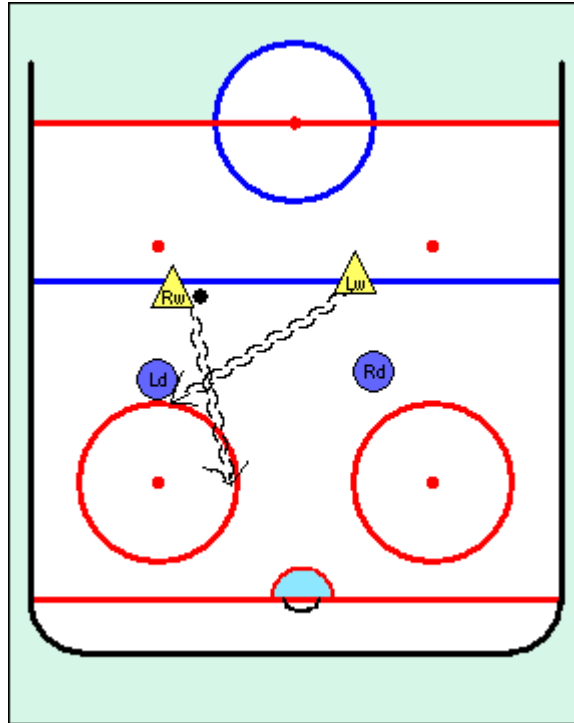




## Their Defencemen Backing In

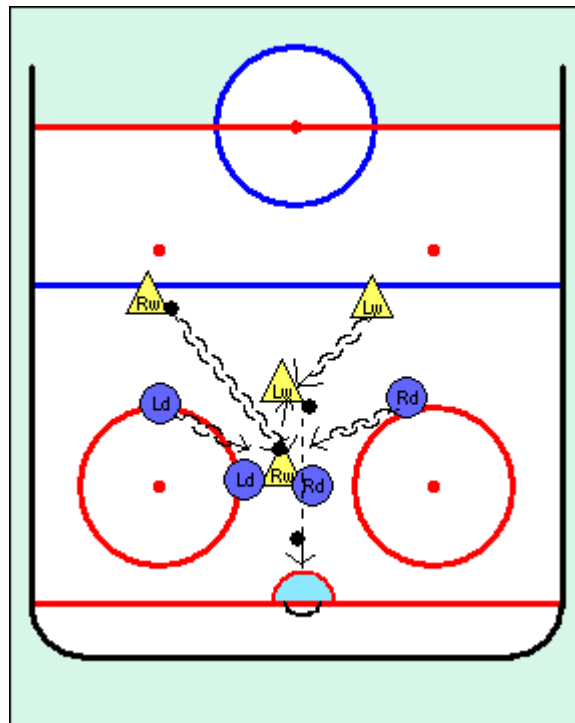
If their defencemen back in the forwards have several options:

- Crisscross by having our forward without the puck skate hard at their defenceman closest to our other forward with the puck allowing our player with the puck to skate between their defencemen. Be careful not to get called for obstruction interference.





- Drop Pass by having the forward with the puck skate hard in between the defence while the other forward comes in behind him about 6 feet away. As their defencemen come towards our puck carrier to body check him and at the last second our forward drops a pass back for our forward to take a one time shot on net. The other forward goes to the net for the rebound.



**BE CAREFUL NOT TO TELEGRAPH THE DROP PASS BY LOOKING BACK OR SLOWING DOWN. IF THEY READ IT AND INTERCEPT THE PUCK IT COULD BE TROUBLE GOING THE OTHER WAY**

- Our puck carrier beats their defenceman on his side one on one.

**REMEMBER: THE WAY TO DEFEAT THESE 2 ON 2 PLAYS IF YOU ARE DEFENDING IS FOR THE DEFENCEMEN TO PLAY ONE ON ONE WITH THE FORWARDS, PLAYING PHYSICAL AND GOING WHERE THEY GO WITH NO RISKY LUNGES.**