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# Coaching Tips

**FACEOFFS**  
*and*  
**BREAKOUTS**



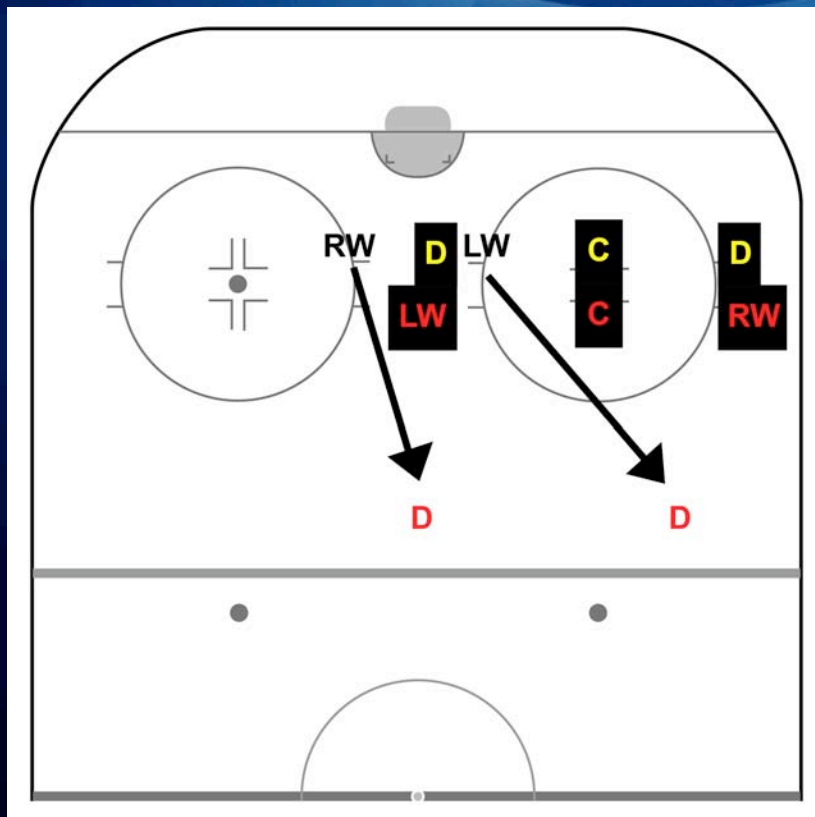
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# Faceoff

## Defensive Zone Faceoff Assignments

### LOST FACEOFF



### ASSIGNMENTS:

CENTER: MAN TO MAN WITH OPPOSITE CENTER

LD: MAN TO MAN WITH RW

RD: MAN TO MAN WITH INSIDE FORWARD

LW: OUT TO POINT

RW: OUT TO POINT

### OBJECTIVES:

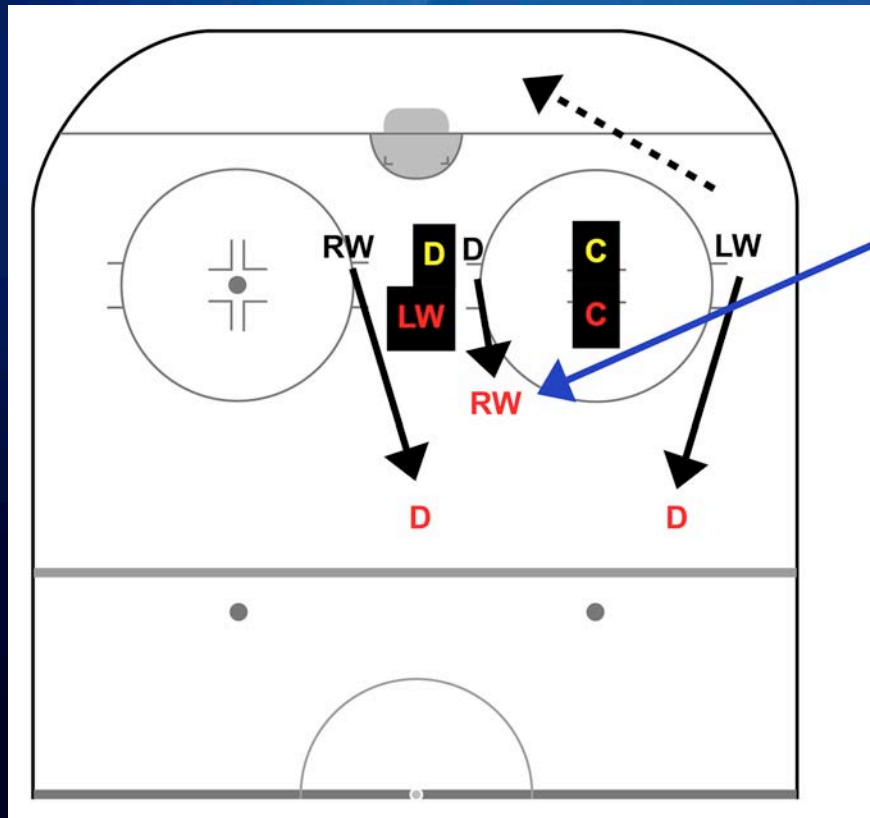
1. DENY MOTION IMMEDIATELY BY PLAYING TOUGH MAN TO MAN
2. DENY SHOT ON NET
3. DENY ANY PASSES

**LW AND RW SHOULD SWITCH ASSIGNMENTS FREQUENTLY SO AS TO NOT BE PREDICTABLE**

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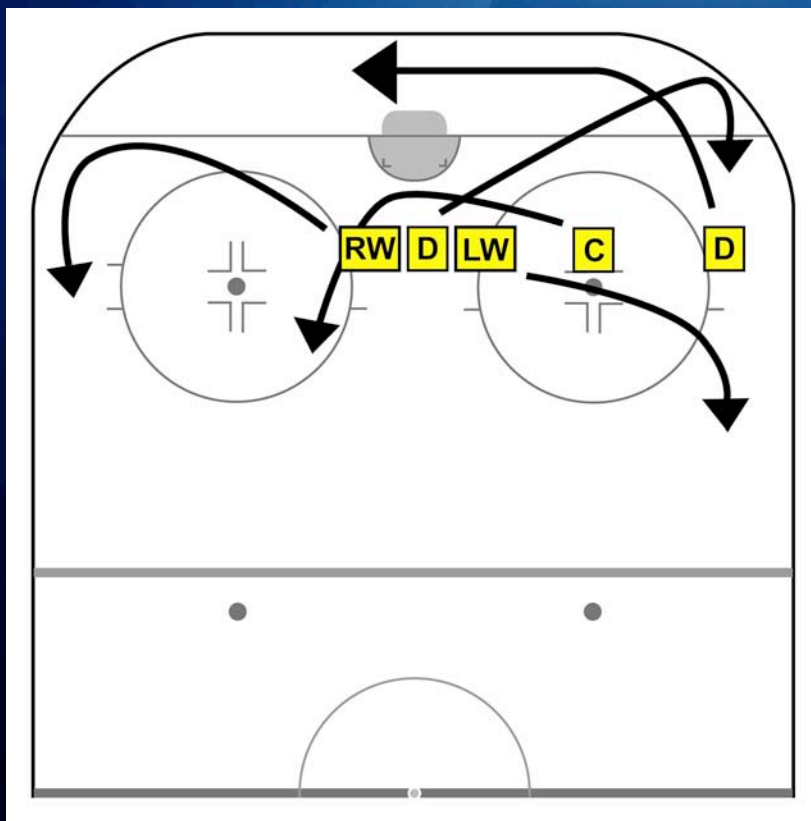


IF RW LINES UP HERE FOR SHOT, WE LINE UP WITH THIS ADJUSTMENT. IF WE WIN FACEOFF, INSIDE WING RECOVERS PUCK AND HEADS AROUND NET FOR WEAKSIDE BREAKOUT, WITH INSIDE DEFENSEMAN COVERING THE WALL.

# Faceoff

## Defensive Zone Faceoff Assignments

### WON FACEOFF



### ASSIGNMENTS:

BOARD DEFENSEMAN: GAINS POSSESSION AND GAINS NET

INSIDE DEFENSEMAN: IF WE HAVE UNCONTESTED POSSESSION, SLIDES TO CORNER

CENTER: SUPPORTS RW

RW: GETS TO HIS MARK QUICKLY FOR OUTLET PASS

LW: GETS TO HIS MARK QUICKLY FOR OUTLET PASS

### OBJECTIVES:

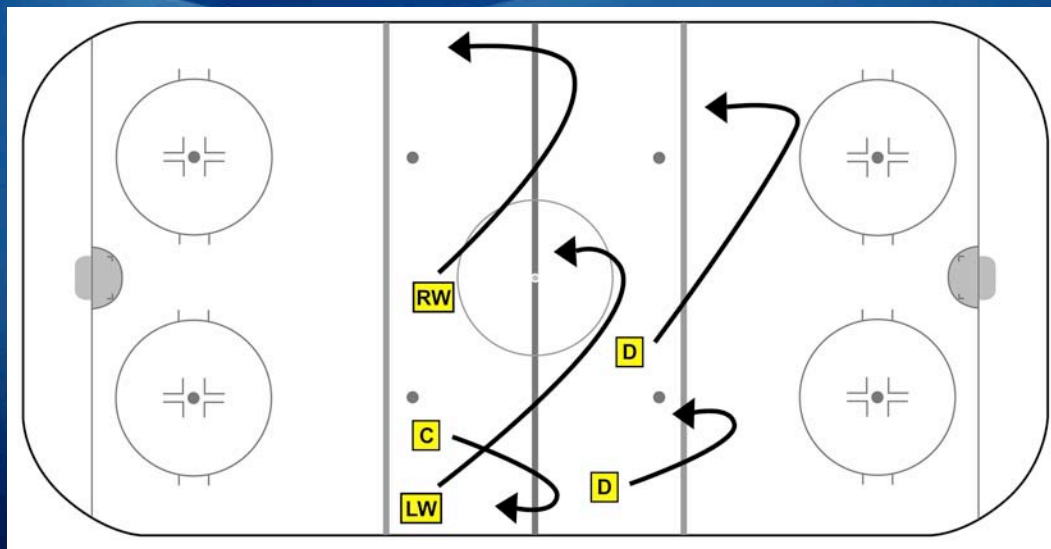
1. TO ROLL OUT THE WEAK SIDE
2. WE MUST BE VERY QUICK AND DECISIVE



# Faceoff

## Neutral Zone Faceoff Assignments

### WON FACEOFF



### ASSIGNMENTS:

RW AND RD: POST UP QUICKLY

LW (BOARDSIDE): SUPPORT FAR D

LD (BOARDSIDE): SUPPORT AND RESUPPORT

C: TURN UP BOARDS

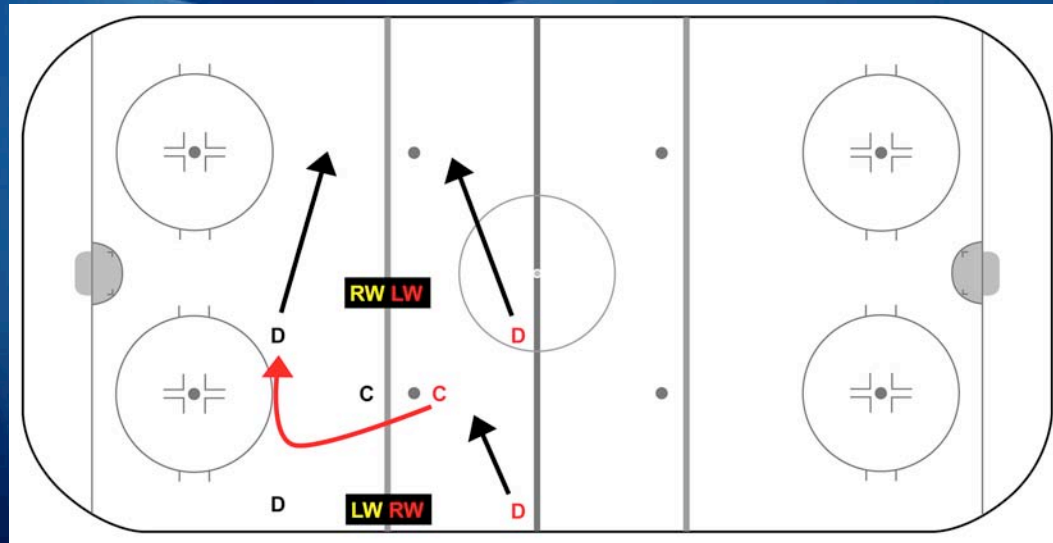
### OBJECTIVES:

1. GET MOMENTARY HOLDUPS BY WINGS
2. GAIN DEPTH AND WIDTH OF ATTACK IMMEDIATELY
3. OPEN UP PASSING LANES WITH MOTION
4. MAKE SURE PUCK GETS IN DEEP

# Faceoff

## Neutral Zone Faceoff Assignments

### LOST FACEOFF



### ASSIGNMENTS:

RW AND LW LOCK UP

C 1. PURSUE PUCK 2. CUT OFF RETURN D TO D PASS 3. FORCE HURRIED ACTION

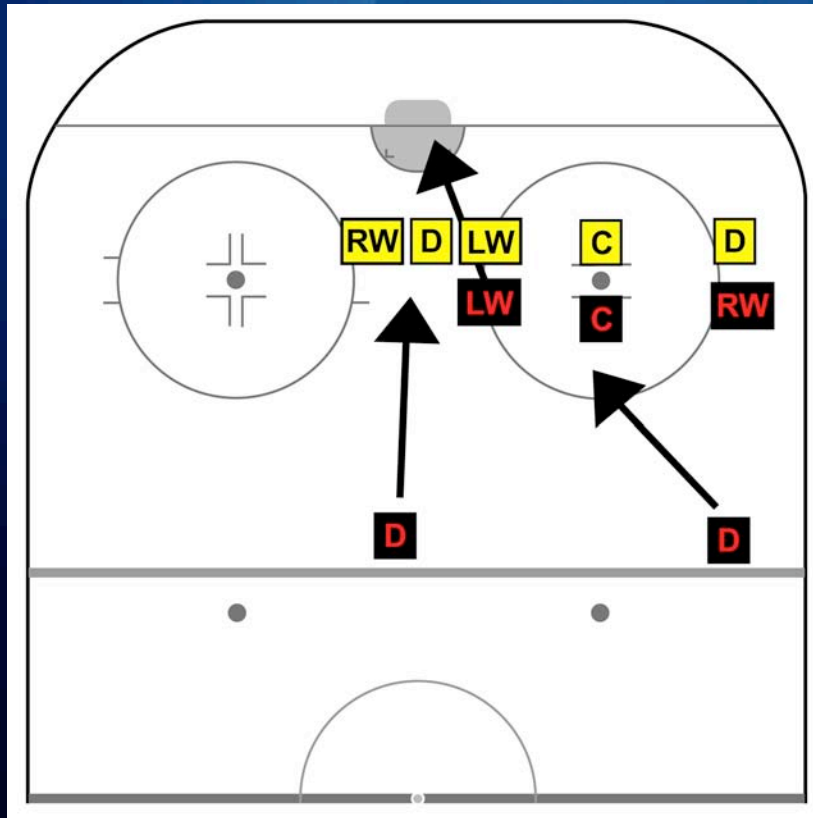
STRONG SIDE D STEP AND DENY SPACE

WEAK SIDE D CUT ICE IN HALF, REACT; MUST BE AWARE OF OPPOSING C

# Faceoff

## Offensive Zone Faceoff Assignments

### WON FACEOFF



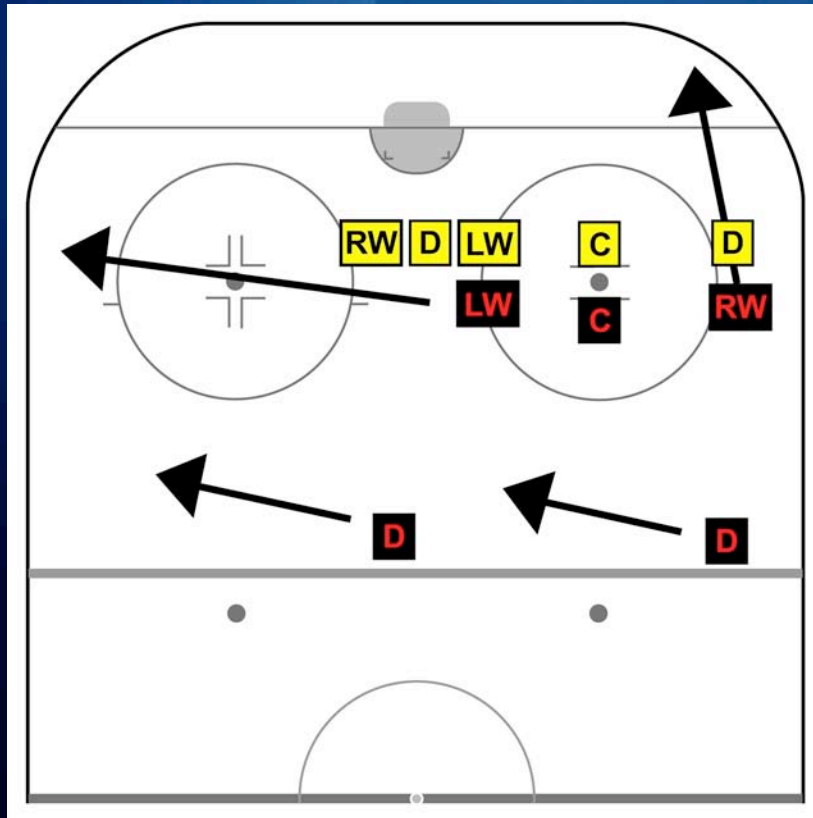
### ASSIGNMENTS:

- C**      **ESCAPE COVERAGE, THEN  
LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITY**
- RW**      **ESCAPE COVERAGE, THEN  
LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITY**
- LW**      **1. DENY OPPOSING WING  
HIS LANE TO POINT  
  
2. SCREEN AND LOOK FOR  
REBOUND**
- D**      ***GET IT TO THE NET***

# Faceoff

## Offensive Zone Faceoff Assignments

### LOST FACEOFF



### ASSIGNMENTS:

- |    |   |
|----|---|
| C  | 1. THINK DEFENSIVELY, PICK UP OPPOSING CENTER |
|    | 2. REACT TO POSSIBLE TURNOVER                 |
| RW | PURSUE PUCK                                   |
| LW | DENY WEAK SIDE OUTLET                         |
| D  | <i>THINK DEFENSIVELY</i>                      |



# **Breakout**

**There are two types of breakouts, controlled and hurried. The controlled breakout occurs when the opponent does not penetrate and attach deep but instead, backs off and waits for us to come out of the zone.**

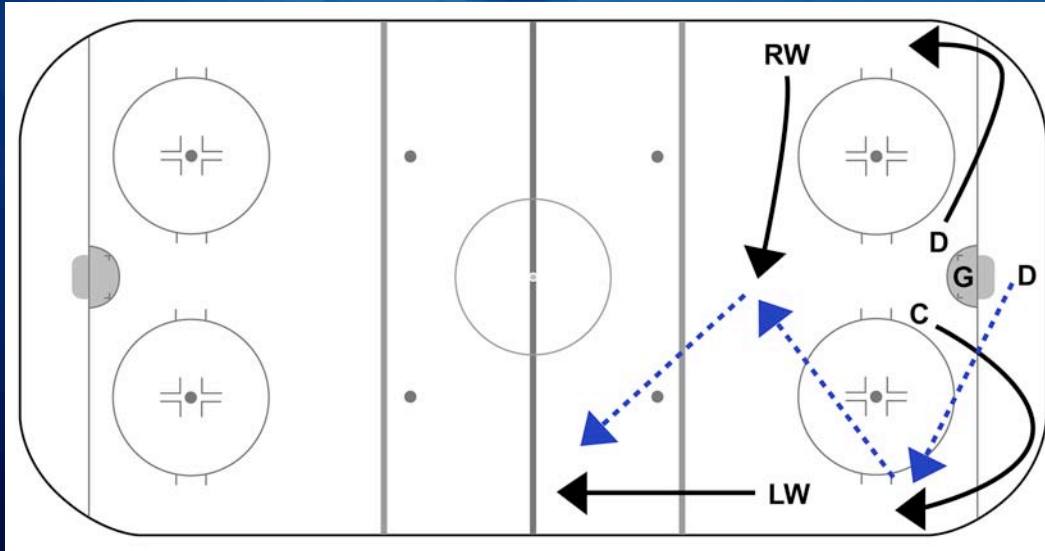
**When our breakout is controlled, we will run a set play.**

**When we are under attack, we will run an option breakout dependent upon making good reads and getting good support.**

# Breakout

## The controlled breakout:

Wing opposite center cuts into middle



Defenseman swings opposite the center

Center swings to his strong side

Strong side wing blows zone

### OPTIONS:

1. IF OPPONENTS ARE LAYING BACK, DEFENSEMAN SKATES WITH IT.
2. DEFENSEMAN HITS EITHER PARTNER OR CENTER ON THE FLY.
3. IF NO ROOM EXISTS, DEFENSEMAN GOES HIGH OFF STRONGSIDE GLASS

# Breakout

## The option breakout:

Our breakout is determined by their forecheck. If they give us time and space, we will use it and come out in an organized rush. If they are aggressive, we are more than happy to wrap it hard around them or through the, hopefully trapping them deep. In other words, the harder they come after us, the less picky we can afford to be about how we break out.

The successful breakout under pressure depends on:

### 1) Communication

- Goaltender, bench and other players on ice let puck pursuer know whether he has time or not.
- Partner lets defenseman know if the reverse is available.

# Breakout

## 2) Support

*Defensemen must have numerous options; no team can cover them all without a perfect forecheck.*

- Strong side wing plays high as possible anticipating wrap.
- Weak side wing plays high as possible anticipating wrap.
- Center looks for open lane for pass, then supports wing.
- D partner blocks out, then slides to corner for outlet or reverse.

# Breakout

## 3) Decisiveness

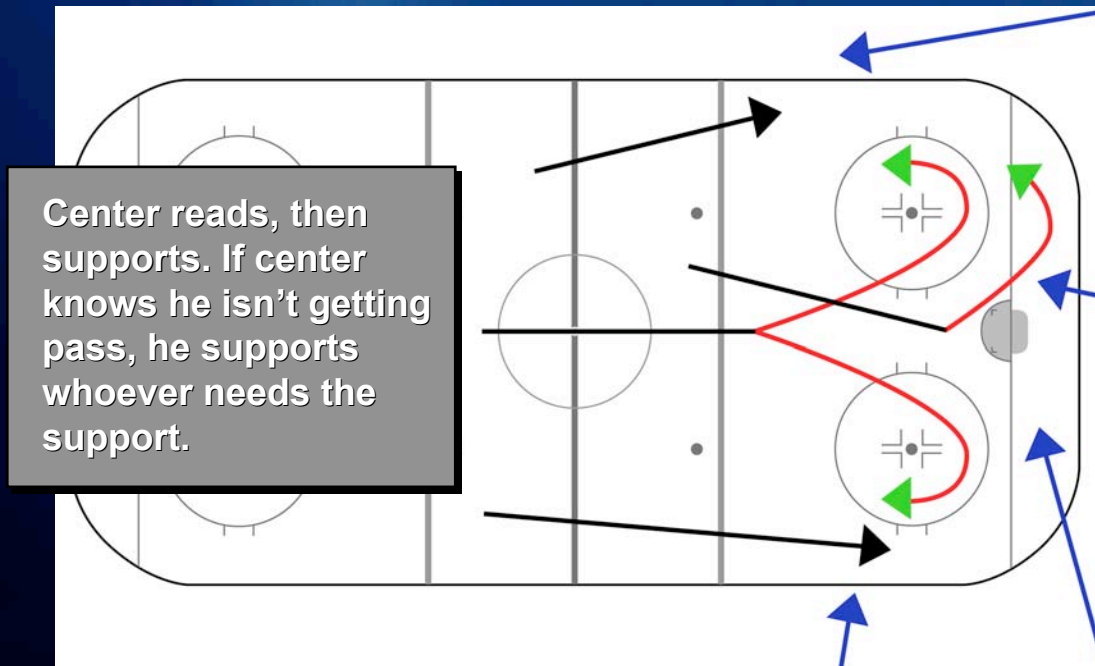
- Make the first pass immediately to the most open man.
- Be ready for the bumpback.
- Passes must be crisp and accurate.
- If there is not time or no options, wrap it hard.



# Breakout

## 4) Winning the battles on the boards

Inside the blue line, the winger must get the puck out. No excuses, period. This job is every winger's calling card.



Weak side wing stays high, but does not allow wraparound lane to be cut off.

Partner blocks out, then makes himself available.

Defenseman recovers puck here.

Strong side wing comes low for quick out

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