Creating Offense Space

Team and Individual Tactics for Creating Offense

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“It is not important that everyone thinks the same way, but it is important that everyone thinks.”

The Defensive Objective

Protect certain areas of the ice and take away time and space from the offense in order to regain puck possession.

*Unfortunately Hockey is the ONLY sport that allows non-skilled players to negate skill players by circumventing the rules.*
Foundation of Offense

Physical Skills
• Skating
• Puckhandling
• Passing
• Shooting

Mental Skills
• Vision
• Anticipation
• Deception
• Creativity
• Competitiveness

Reading Space
• Reading the Gap
  – TWG

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  - High Cycle
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  • Yzerman, Foresberg & Reverse Pivot

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• 1 on 1 threat
Tactics with Supporting Players

“You develop a team to achieve what one person cannot accomplish alone. All of us are weaker, by far, than if all of us are together.”

Coach K. – Duke Basketball

Tactics with Supporting Players

• Overlapping
  – Middle Lane Drive
  – Cycling

“Attack where the enemy will surely come to its’ own rescue.”

Sun Tzu – Art of War
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- Crossing patterns, reverses
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- Learning situations – TWG

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“No coach has ever won the game by what he knows, but by what his players have learned.