

Offensive Tactics • Breakouts

Part 2 of 3

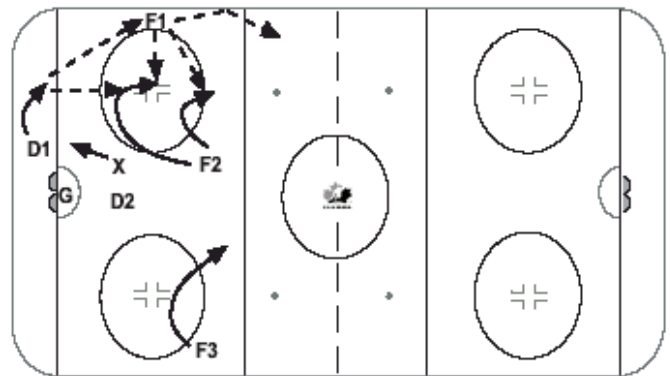
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This three(3)-part series presents Breakout Options against various forecheck situations. It is key to remember that breakouts are an offensive system or strategy and should only be taught with teams that have a solid grounding in the key technical skills, individual tactics and team tactics that are involved in developing a breakout.

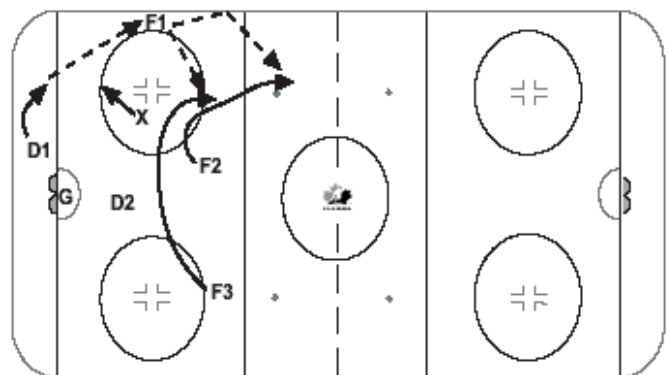
PART 2—Against Heavy Forecheck Pressure

a. Quick Up Past Pressure—Move puck up fast as pressure is coming

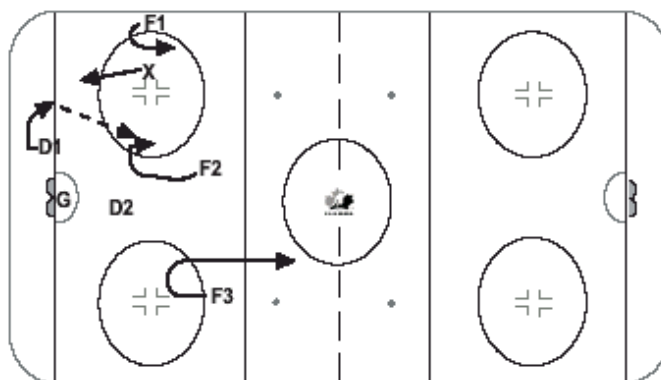
- F1 – on the boards, easy target. Position depends upon position of forechecker and pinching D.
- F2 – middle support
- F3 – moving up into middle



- F2 clears middle lane
- F3 fills middle slot area
- D2 holds at net safety position



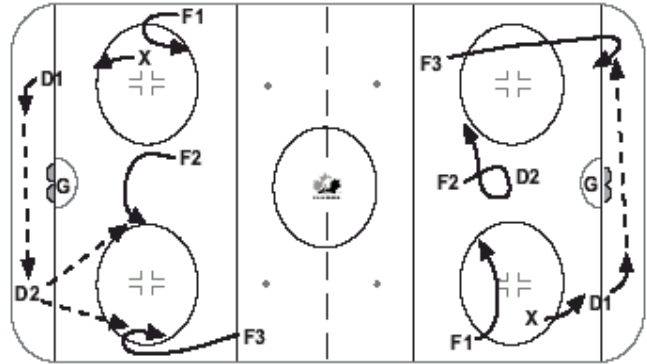
- F2 tight turn with D1
- Easy target almost stationary



PART 2—Against Heavy Pressure

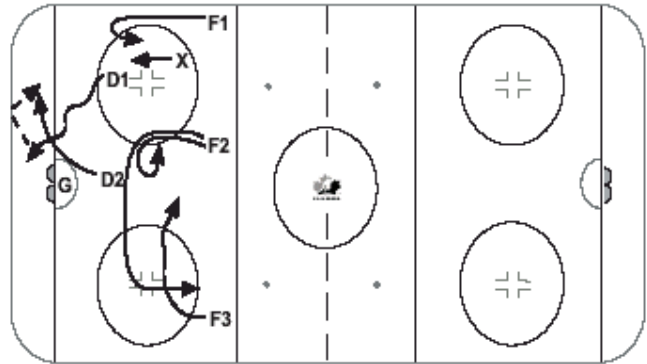
b. Move Puck Away from Pressure—Weak side up

A. D1 to D2 and up
B. D1 to F3



C. D1 to D2 Reverse

- D2 calls reverse at near post
- D1 goes back to net safety
- Option for F2 and F3
 - i. F2 middle support
 - ii. F2 takes outside lane (speed) and F3 fills middle support

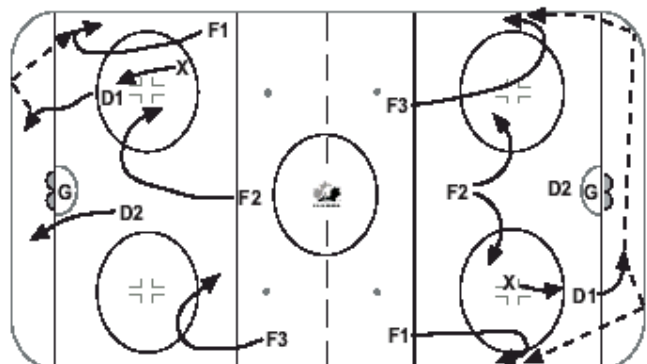


D. D1 to F1 reverse

- F1 takes inside out route
- F1 calls reverse

E. Hard Rim

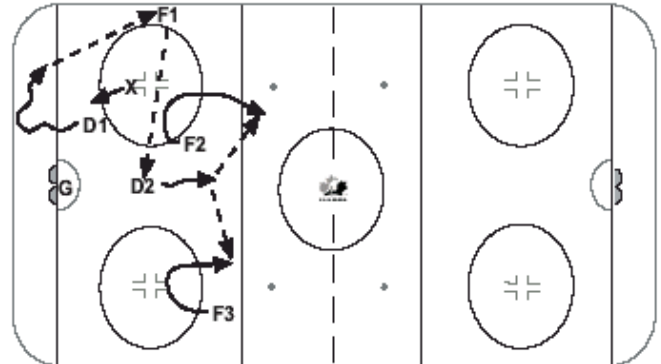
- Forehand rim by D man
- F1 or F3 to boards and chip



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c. Move Puck Away from Pressure

- D1 to F1 to D2 to F3 or F2



- D1 to F1
- F1 takes puck low and into middle looking for weakside passing options (D2 / F3)

