

T3 Playing a Defensive 2-1

Key Points:

- A 2-1 is really a 2-2 because it is between the two attackers one defender and one goalie. (goalies are people too)
- The defender has to realize that he/she doesn't have to get the puck or make a check but instead recognize the most dangerous play and take that play away.
- Goalie should be saying he has the shooter.

Description;

1. Defender stay in the middle a little ahead of the attack with the stick in the passing lane.
2. Initiate the decision.
3. Move toward the puck carrier a faking you are going there to see if it make him rush and see if he drops his head and throws the puck across (many players panic and do this) then drop back into the middle and block the pass.
4. Deny the pass across and the goalie takes the shooter if he is outside. If the stick is in the inside lane the shooter may be the most dangerous player and you have to play him more.
5. Don't allow the puck carrier to go in alone; cut the ice in half.
6. Take non shooters stick on a shot.

Option: Slide outside the post to deny the pass if the attackers are parallel.

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