

T2 Take the Ice Behind to Create 2-1's – European Pro

Key Points:

When the defenders are using a contain forecheck and are ahead of the puck you cannot beat them skating in straight lines. You must continually isolate the wide player and create 2 on 1 situations. Support by taking the ice behind the puck carrier.

Description:

1. Practice with a 2 on 2 situation and isolate a defender by crossing.

a. Cross drop and #1 screen weak side D.

b. Cross, drop 1 to net, 2 wide.

c. Cross and fake drop. 1 through middle 2 go to the net.

Create 3 on 3 situations in drills and games.

d. #'s 2 and 3 go hard to the net.

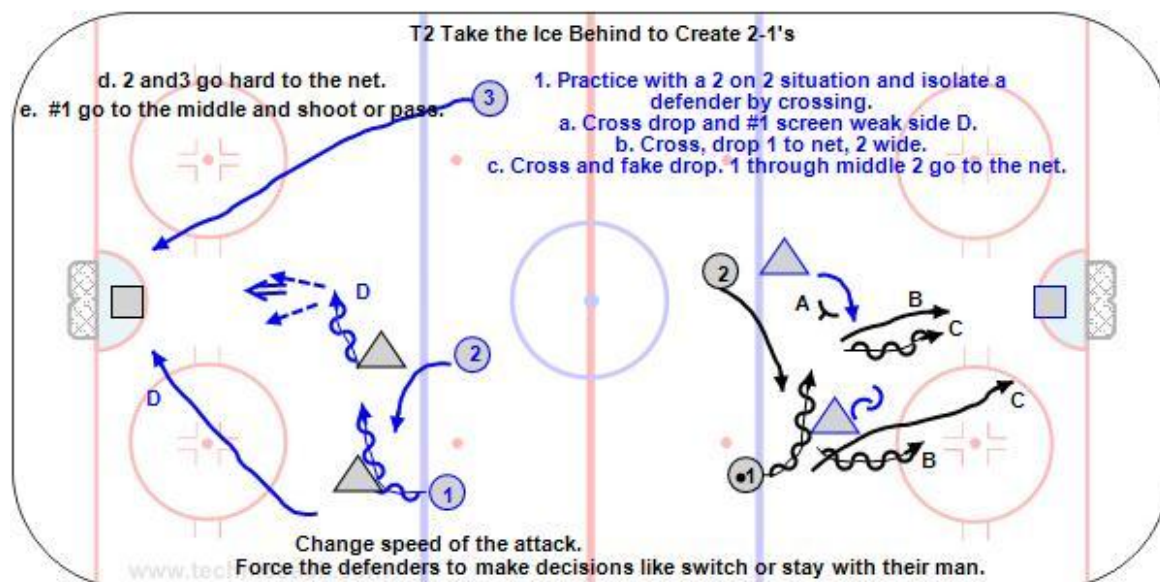
e. #1 go to the middle and shoot or pass.

* Other options are another cross behind or pass back to the 4th and 5th supporting attackers.

Important is to change the speed and angle of the attack and force defensive decisions like switch or stay man to man.

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Video examples of taking the 'Big Ice' by skating between the dots and the player in the middle goes outside and 'Takes the Ice Behind.'

*One of my friends who played against Gretzky a lot said it was especially difficult because him and Kurri would work together. Kurri would have the puck on the outside and skate inside just before the blue line. Gretzky would pick up the puck and reach over the blue line with it creating a situation where the **first one over the blue line did not have the puck, this made the read different for the defender. The left winger would go hard to the net and Kurri would be a second wave opening up for a one timer. Gretzky faced the play in the triple threat position and had the options on the forehand to:***

- 1. Go to the net.**
- 2. Pass to the left winger.**
- 3. Pass to Kurri for a one timer.**
- 4. Pass to Coffey coming in from the point.**
- 5. Pass to the strong side D.**

It worked pretty good for all of them.

Examples from Pro team practices.

T2 - B6 - 2-0 Skate to Big Ice-X and Drop-Shoot - Pro

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T2 - B6 - 2-0-Gain Zone-X and Drop - Pro

<https://youtu.be/MWMyfOUkaIA>

T2-B600 Isolate Wide D on 2-2 - Pro

<https://youtu.be/9-q0d7PnUmA>

C3 2 on 2 with Regroup – RB Pro

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C3-C6 Point Shot 2-2 – Pro

<https://youtu.be/9kinyEp-Xuo>

C600 2-0 to 2-2 - Pro

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