Offensive Tactics • Breakouts
Part 3 of 3—Against Heavy Forecheck Pressure
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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 3—Against the Trap
a. First option – Turn and Go; Quick up

LOW CONTROL BREAKOUT
- F1 takes puck wide—drop pass to D1
Options:
- D1 to F3
- D1 to D2 to F2
- D1 to F2
- D1 to F1

LOW CONTROL BREAKOUT
- F1 leaves puck
- D1 steps up to right and then passes to D2
- D2 to F2 or F3
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b. Controlled Options:
   i) Low Breakout
   ii) High Set-up
   iii) LW Stretch & Back Under

### LOW BREAKOUT—C BEHIND NET
- F2 stretches and skates back towards own net.
- F3 skates underneath and up left wing leaves puck
- Centre (F1) skates behind net to boards and up the right wing.
- D1—first option step out and pass to F2 in middle lane
- F2—touch pass to either side option (F1 or F2)

### HIGH SET-UP
- D2 blocks X
- Centre takes puck and carries puck past X & D2
- D1 supports centre
- Wingers move to get open

### LW STRETCH & BACK UNDER
**Turn & Go Options:**
- F3 comes from behind D1
- D1 drops puck to F3 who creates speed by coming behind the puck
- F3 can skate puck with speed or move puck away from trap pressure