



BASIC TACTICS

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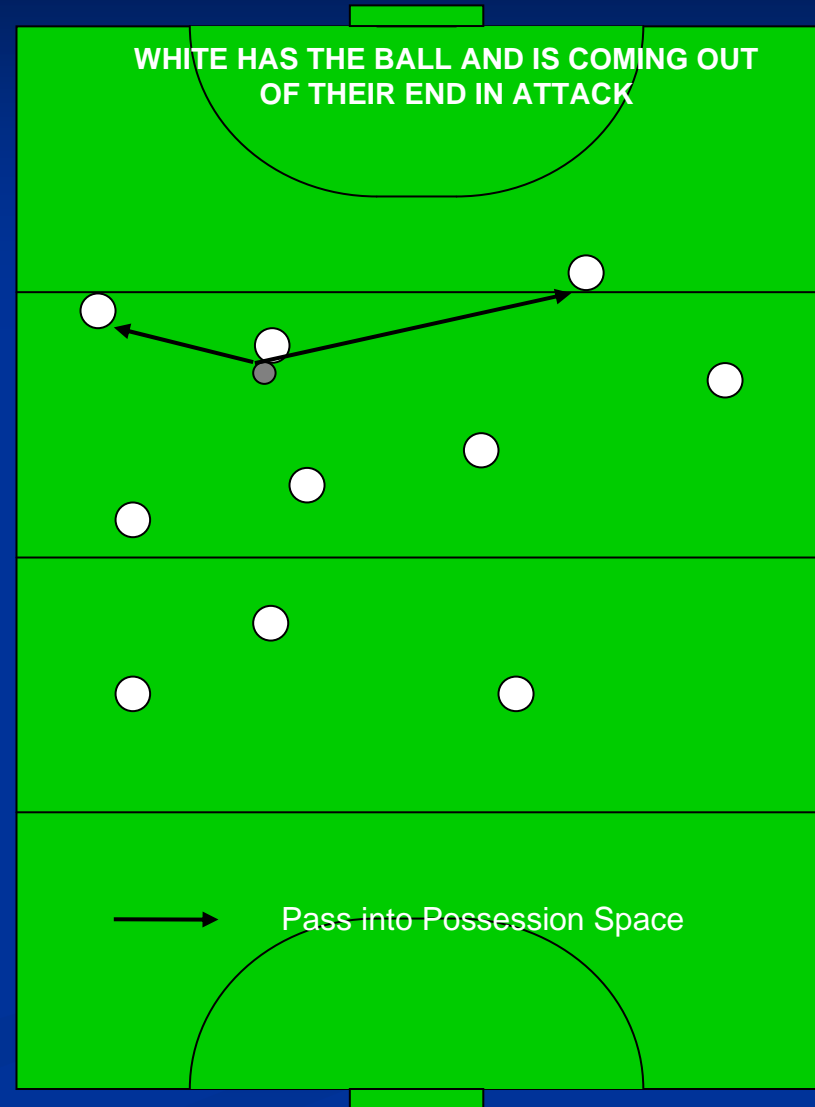
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Types of Space

- Possession Space
- Advantage Space
- Dangerous Space

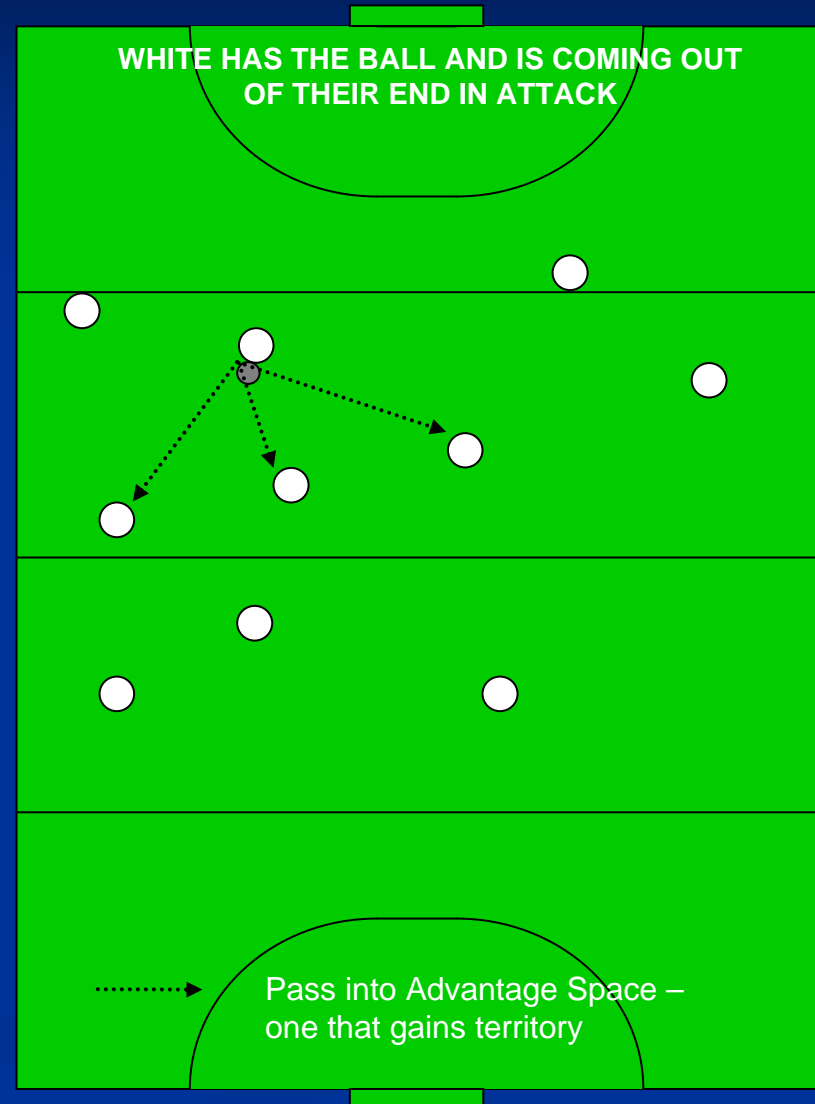
Types of Space

- Possession Space:
- Square with or behind the ball carrier
- Easy to make passes
- Poorly defended
- Easy to keep possession



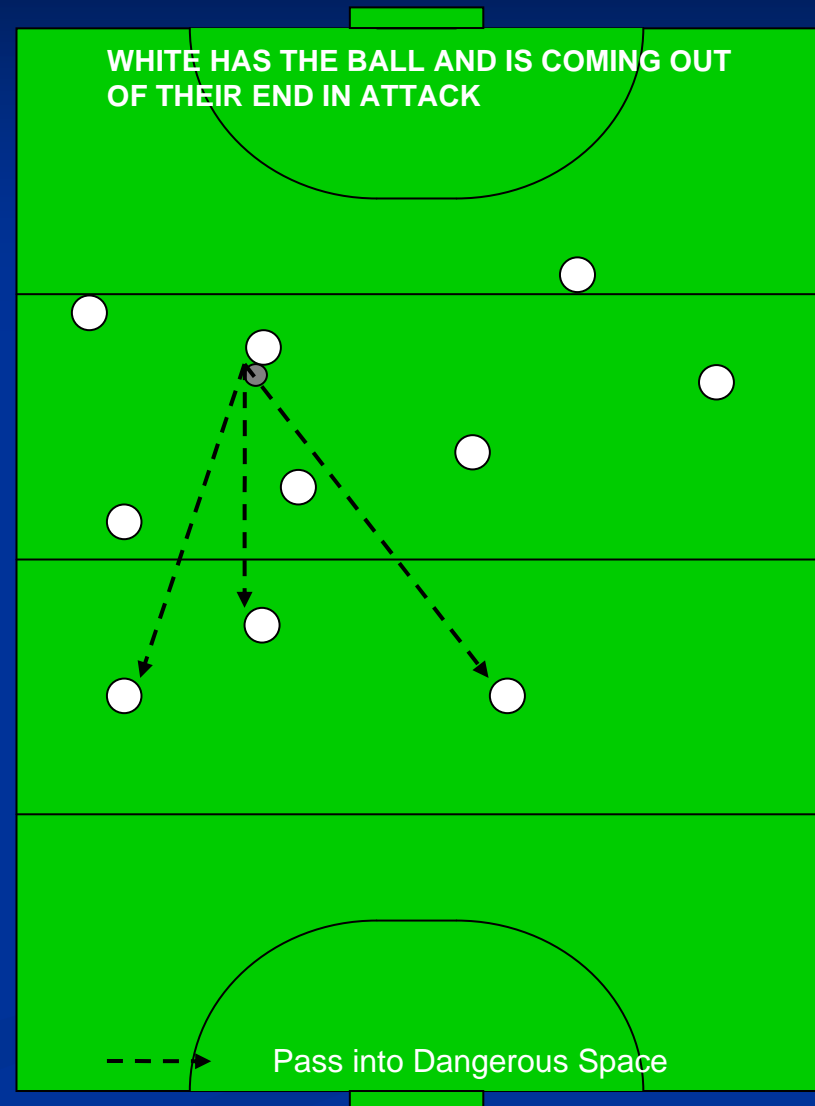
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- Advantage Space:
- Forward space between ball carrier and the first line of defenders
- Well defended by players immediately around the ball
- Harder to keep possession

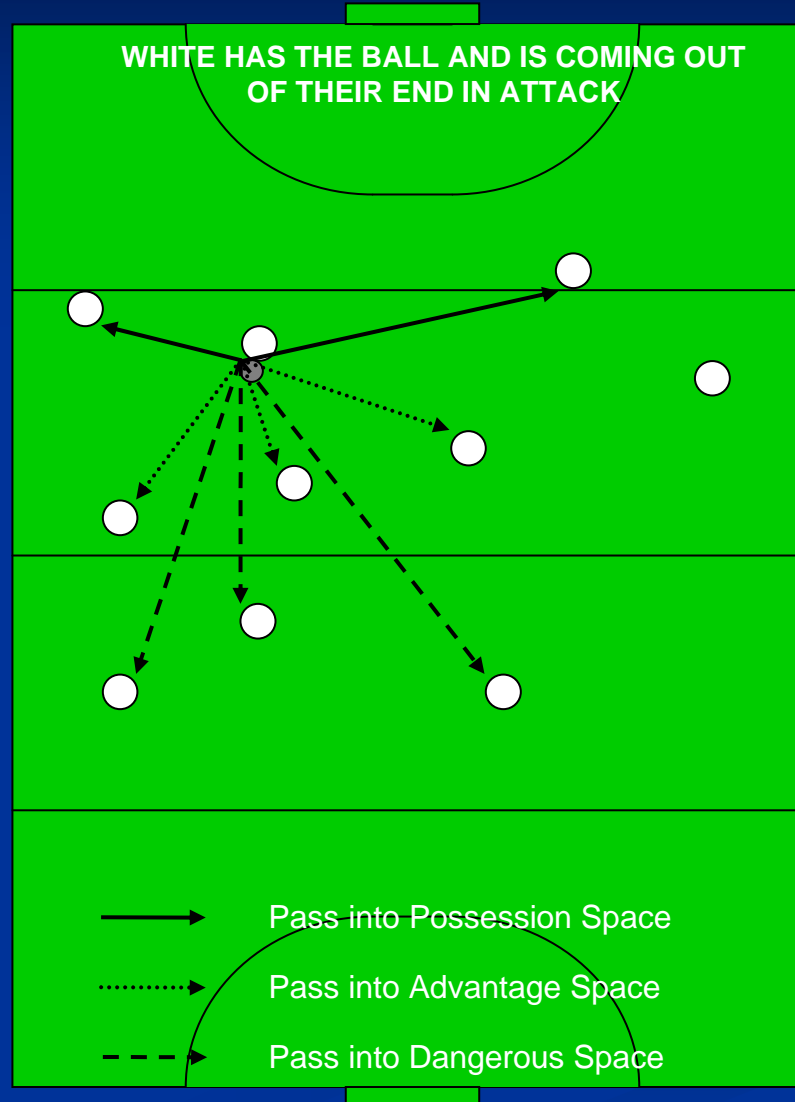


Types of Space

- Dangerous Space:
- Space between the ball and goal beyond the first line of defense
- Very well defended
- Hardest to keep possession in
- Passes – highest risk / greatest threat/ greatest reward



Types of Space



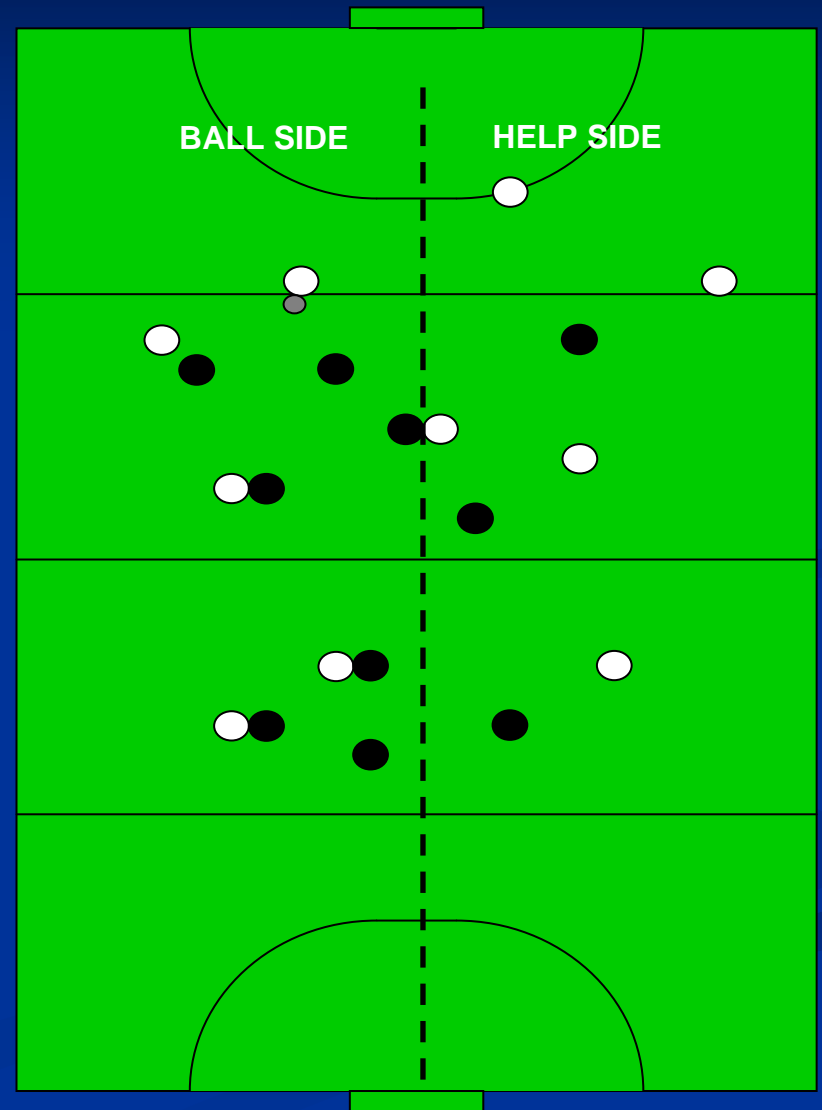
Ball side – Help side

- Theory in Defense:

- Determines marking

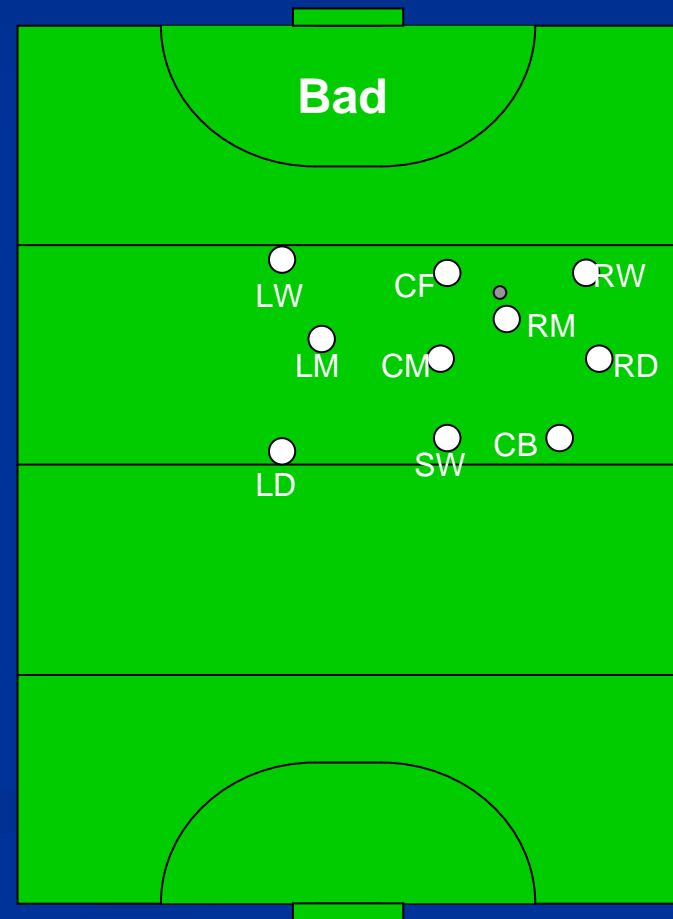
- Theory in Offense:

- Determines commitment to attack
- Level of direct support



Attacking Concepts

- Hard to defend big spaces
 - “stretch” the field out - width and depth



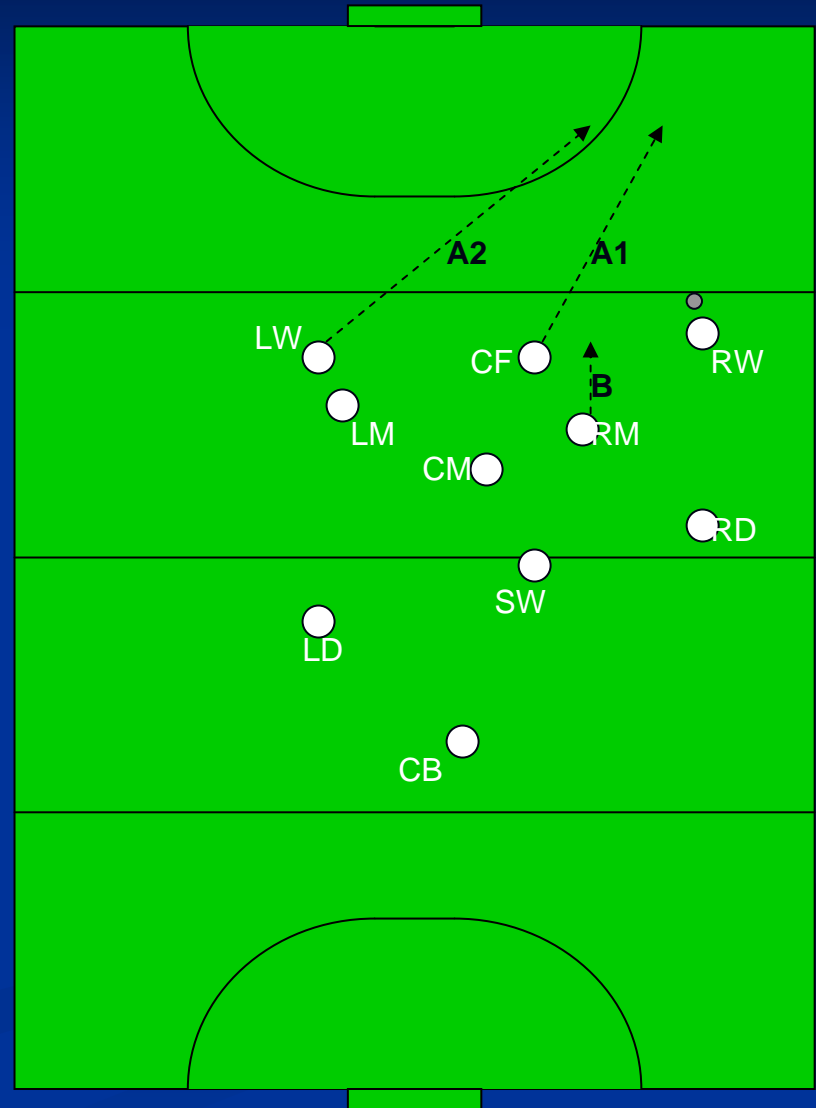
Attacking Concepts

- Support for the ball carrier
- create distinct passing options around the ball
- Create numerical advantage
- Quick free hits
- Passing and supporting / following the pass / or give and go's
- Aggressive well timed leads - isolation of defenders and create simple 2v1's
- Off ball forwards overloading the ball side



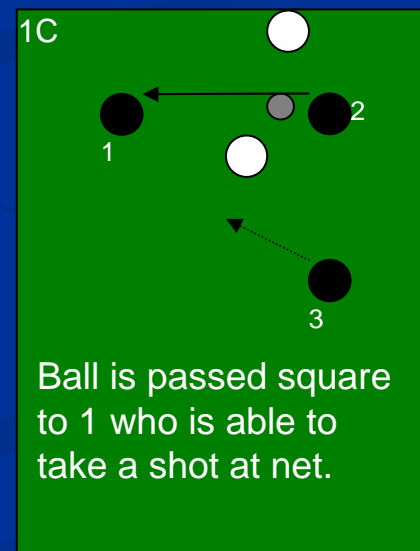
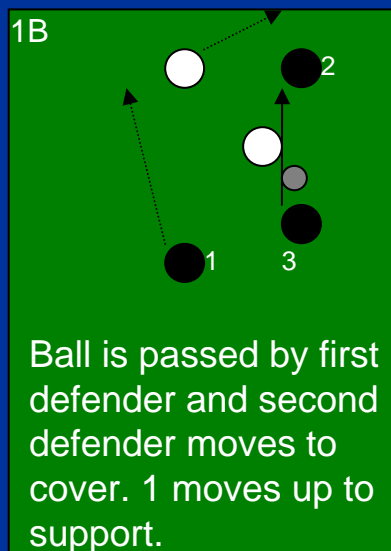
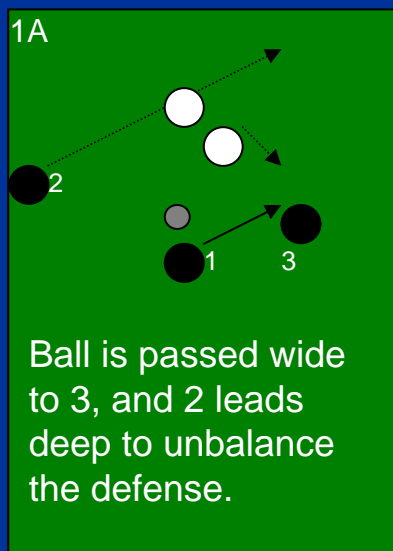
Attacking Concepts

- Create danger in front of the ball
- Advances attack with pace
- Players initially square to the ball leading through (A1), or off ball players who do not have a cover responsibility (A2), leading deep
- Players behind the ball will provide a square option (B)



Attacking Concepts

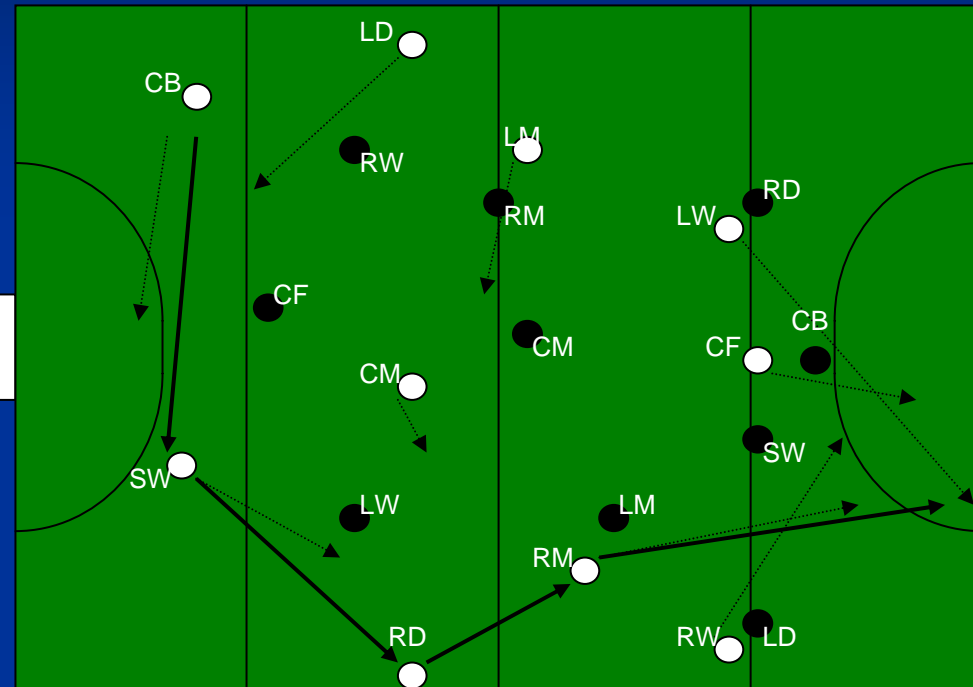
- Unbalancing the defense
 - Forcing the defense to make decisions
 - Accomplished by:
 - leading deep
 - interchange (both laterally and vertically)
 - Pass and support / overlap



Attacking Concepts



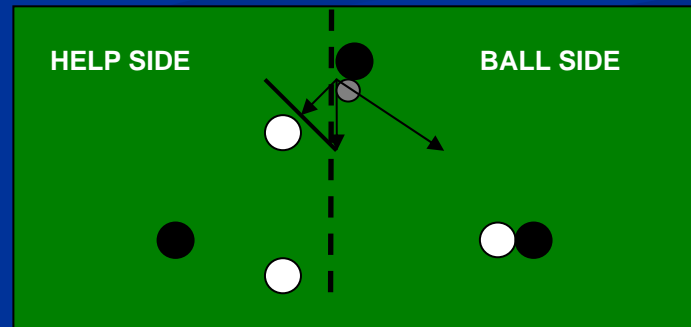
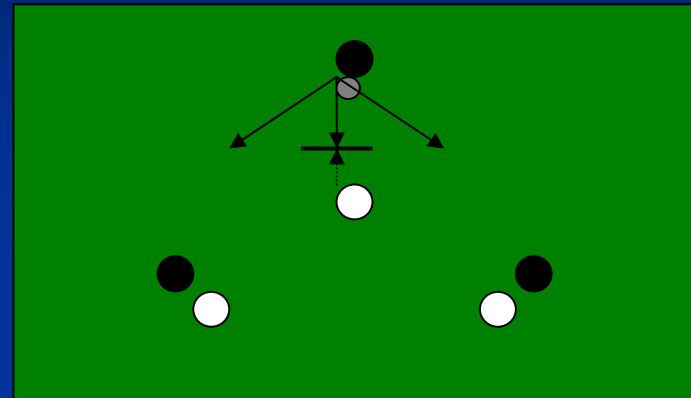
- Counter cover / counter defense / weak side cover
- Prepare for the counterattack
- Defend the middle – ball side attack / weak side cover



Counter Defense (weak side cover)

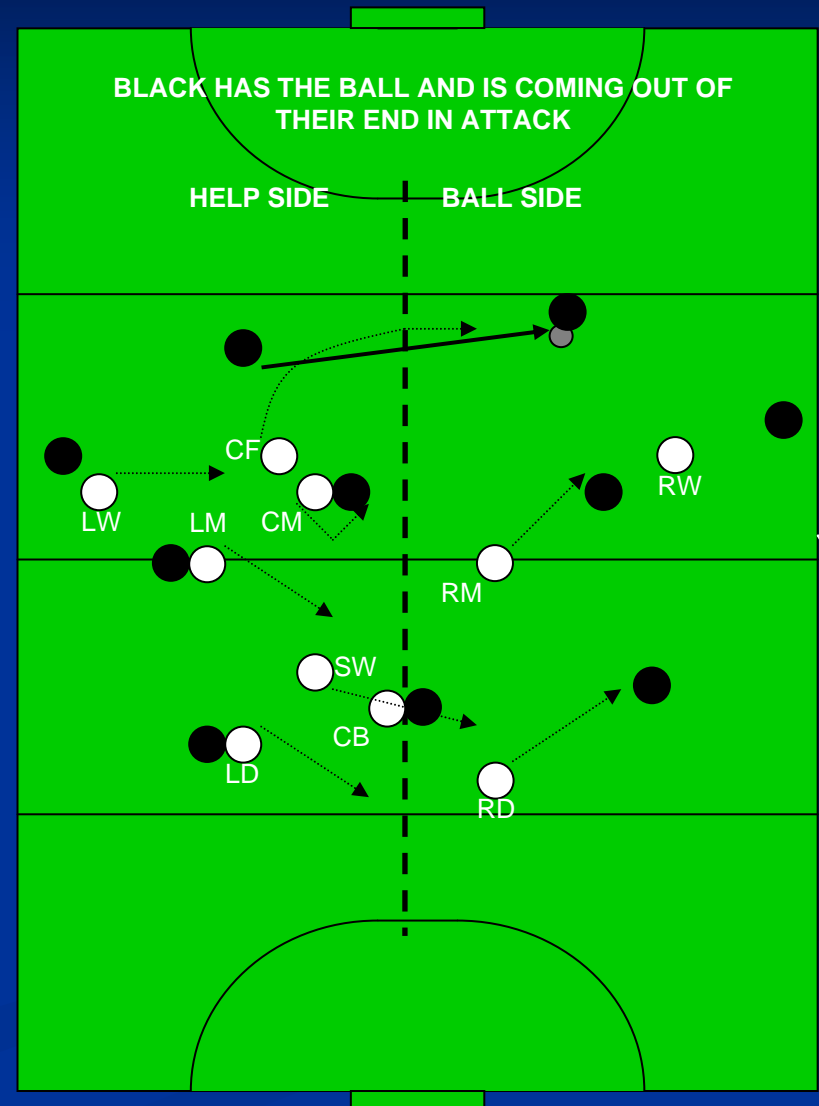
Defensive Concepts

- Defend small spaces
- Cut off ability to transfer and channel ball carrier
- Create a definite ball side and help side
- Ball side players can be more aggressive with pressure
- Help side players pinch into the middle for cover



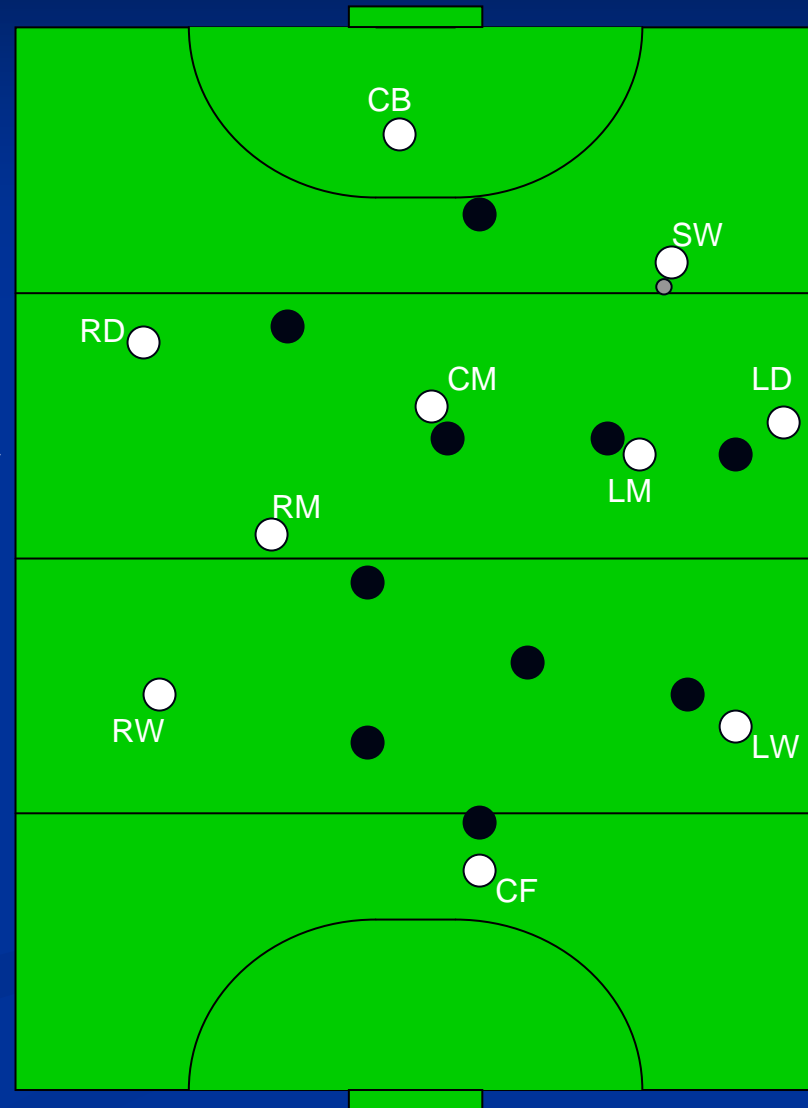
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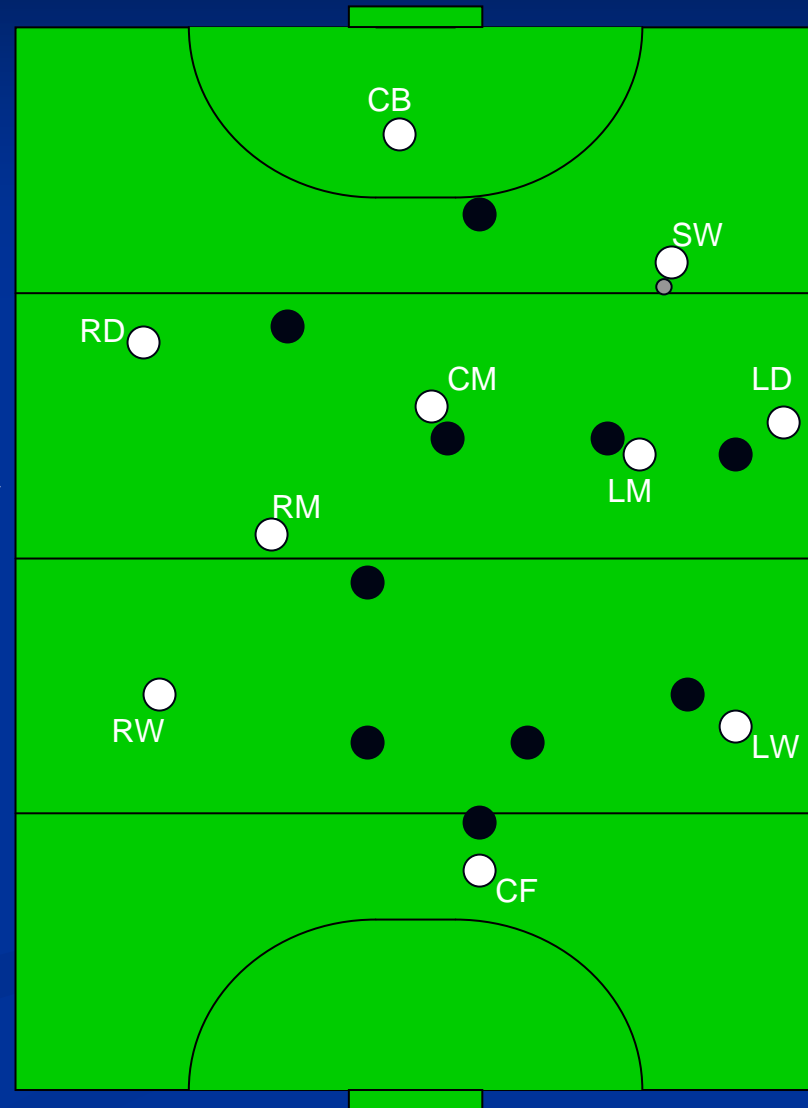
Defensive Concepts

- Pressure / Cover
- Control/ dominate the space around the ball
 - Eliminate passing options
 - Tight marking on the ball side especially around the ball
 - Ball side players position for possible interception
- Protect the middle (prevent passes into “advantage” or “dangerous” space)
 - Communicate to help block passing lanes
 - Help side players pinch into the middle of the field



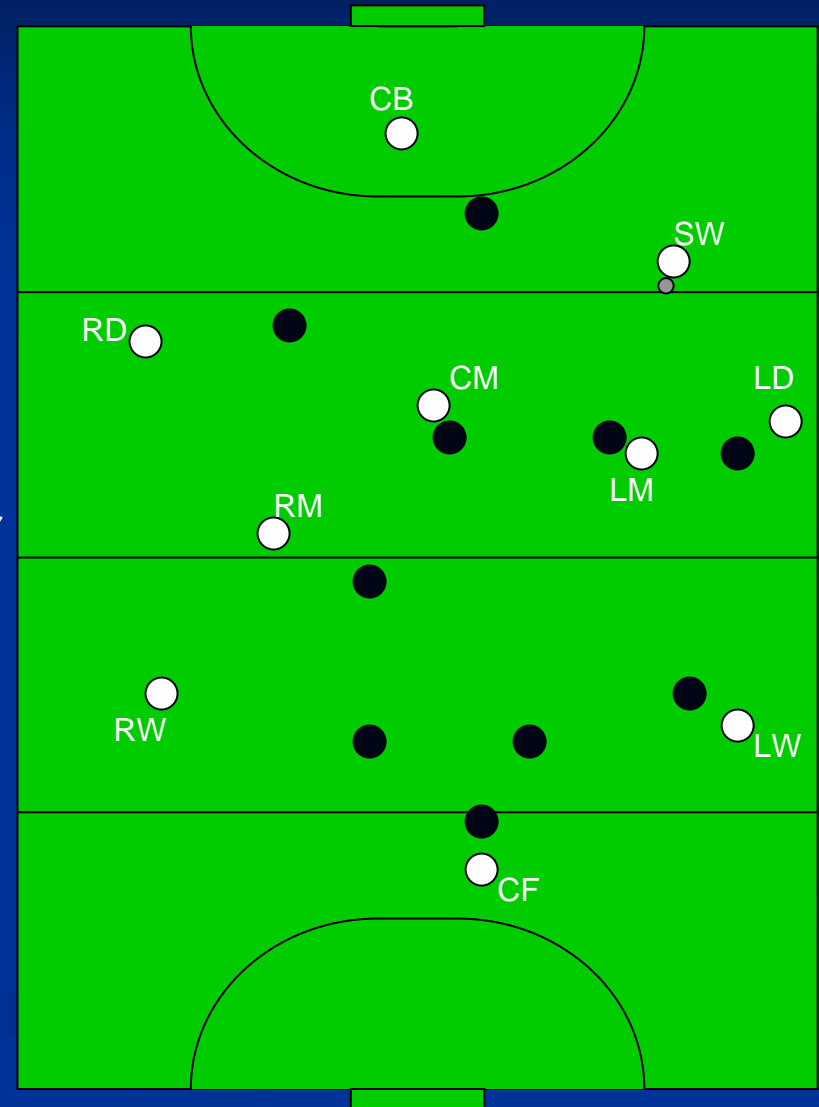
Marking

- Considerations?
- Ball side and Goal side
- Assessment of danger (is the space or the man more dangerous)
- What is the likelihood that a player is actually going to get the ball (how close are they to the ball)?



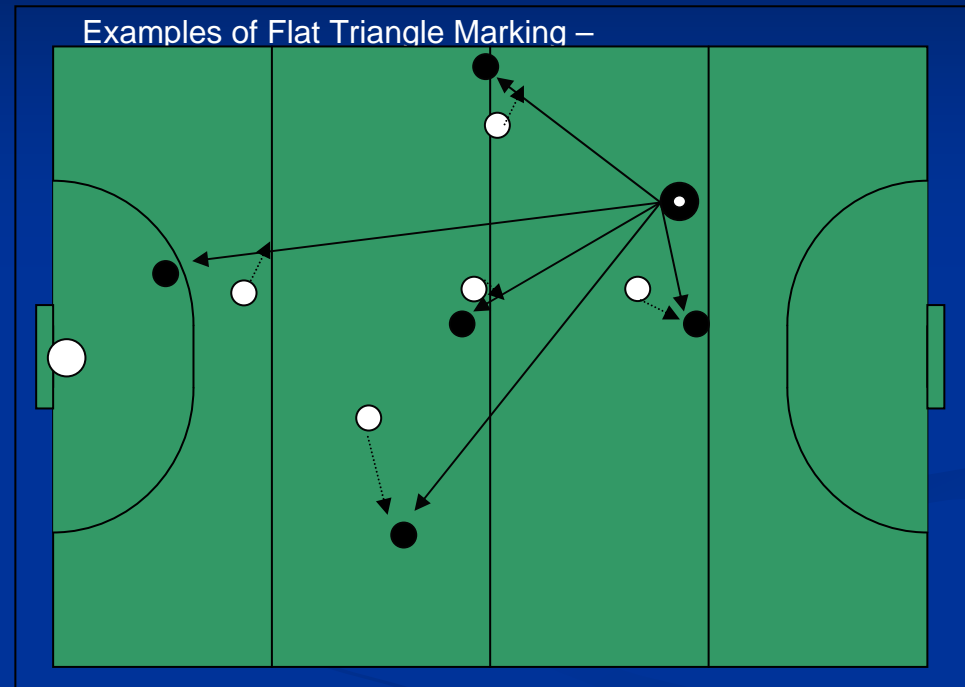
Marking

- Dangerous space and close to ball (CM)– very tight marking
- Dangerous space and far away from the ball (CF)– close marking but in front
- Not in dangerous space but close to the ball (LD)– close making but protecting the middle first – in a position to recover
- Not in dangerous space and far away from the ball (RW)– cover position – protecting the middle (space)



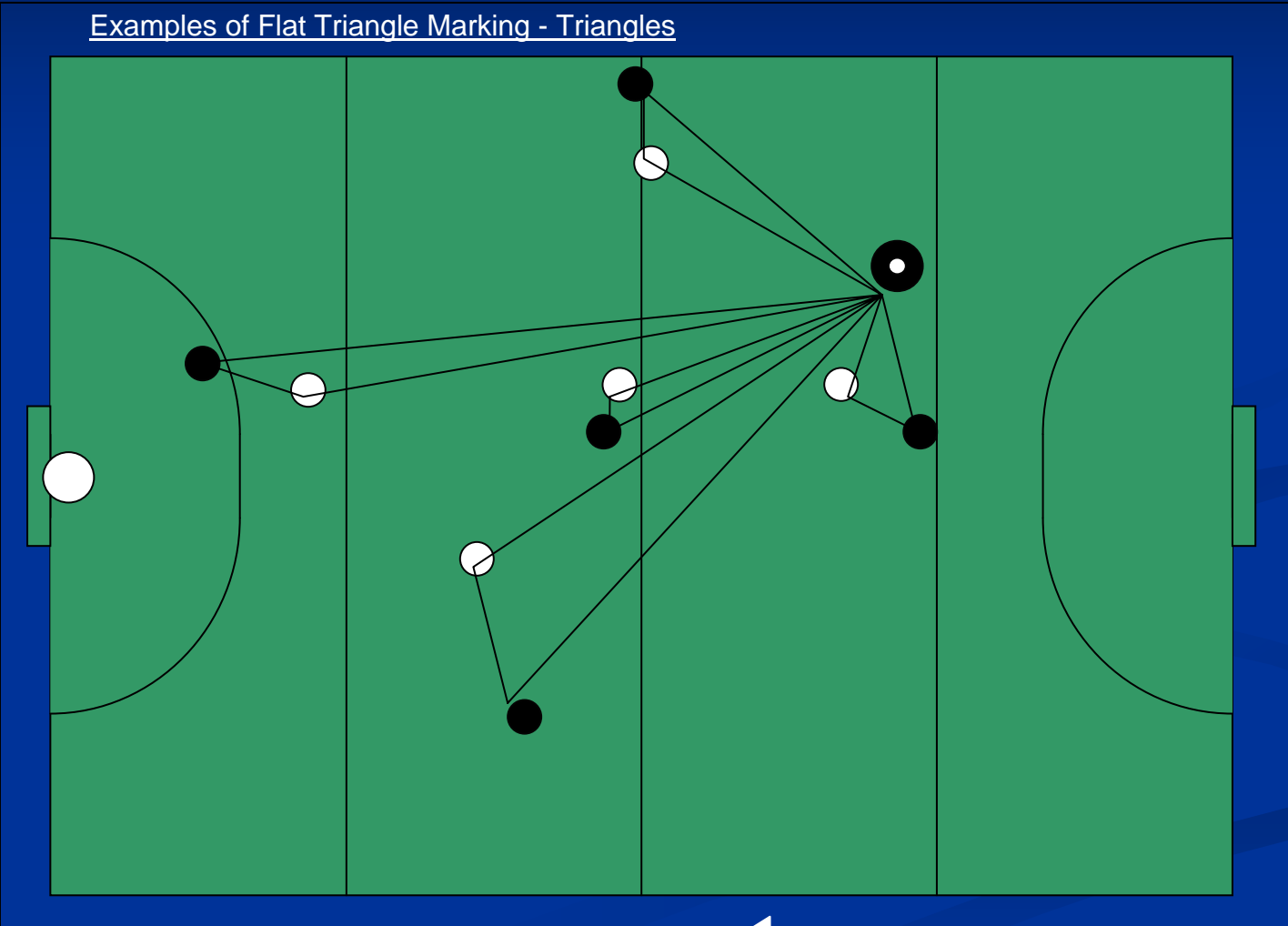
Flat Triangle Marking

- Allows the defender:
 - To maintain an awareness of both the ball carrier and their check
 - To prioritize marking the dangerous space while still keeping track of the man
 - To mark tightly and then step in front to intercept as soon as the ball is passed
 - To front man mark when the ball is far away



Flat Triangle Marking

Examples of Flat Triangle Marking - Triangles



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