



“Offensive Team Play”

future of the game !?

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Aspects of “Offensive Team Play”

- Strictly offensively orientated
- Forechecking
- Backchecking
- Quick transition

“Offensive Team Play” is the Future of the Game!

- Back to the Roots
- Players Prefer Scoring to Defending
- Spectators Love High Scoring
- Interesting Games – Money at the Gates
- Public Interest – TV – Sponsors
- Remember the Big Scorers / Playmakers

Current Status

- Safety First – “Defense wins Games”
- “Don’t get Scored at”!
- “Wait for Mistakes!”
- “Do not Pinch!”
- “Dump the Puck!”
- Taking out of “Key Players”.
- “Emphasis on Physical Game.

Reasons for this Attitude

- Pressure on Coaches
- Winning at all Costs Most Important
- Easier to Destroy than to Create
- Individual Offensive Skills
- Fear of Mistakes – Get Benched
- Subconsciousness – “Defense First”
- Deficit in Understanding the Game

What makes our Game so Attractive?

Complexity of the Game

- Skating Technique – Gliding on Blades
- Handling of Puck – Indirectly
- Confinement of Icerink
- Speed in Relation to Size of Icerink
- Hitting and Checking
- Versatility of Great Players
- Variables – Linechanges etc.
- Influence of Coach during the Game

Questions

- Can it Work? Believe in it?
- Want your Team Play like it?
- Have the Players?
- Convince Management?
- Survive Losses?
- Measures to Play Offensively?
- Fans will Like it?

Conclusions

- Convince yourself and Players
- Convince Management
- Increase Skill Level of Players
- Teach “Understanding the Game”
- Still a “Team Game”
- Changing of Older Players Difficult

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- Teach Young Players Accordingly
- Increase „Fun Factor“ in Practise
- Teach everybody – no Early Selection
- Encourage Creativity, Offensive Plays
- Teach Technique, Technique
- Use New Teaching Concepts

**To emphasize offensive hockey
was realized and followed
consequently by Anatoli
Tarasow, Father of Russian
Hockey, more than 30 years ago!**