

Bob and Ted On Tactics

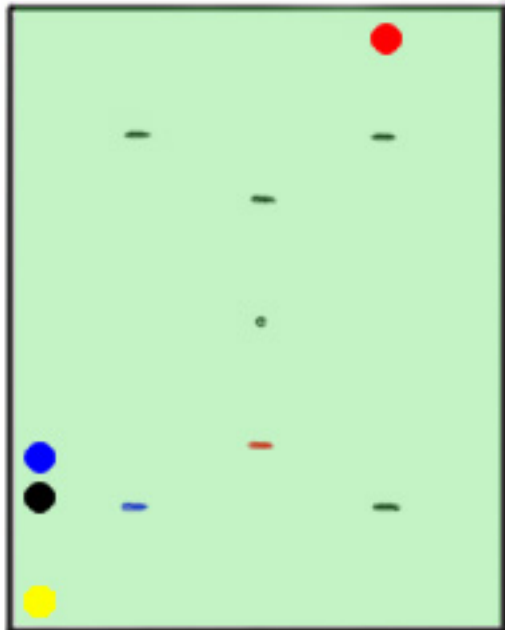


Diagram 1

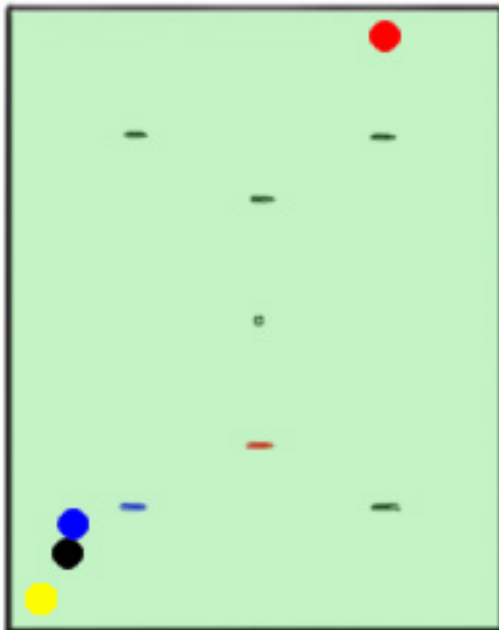


Diagram 2

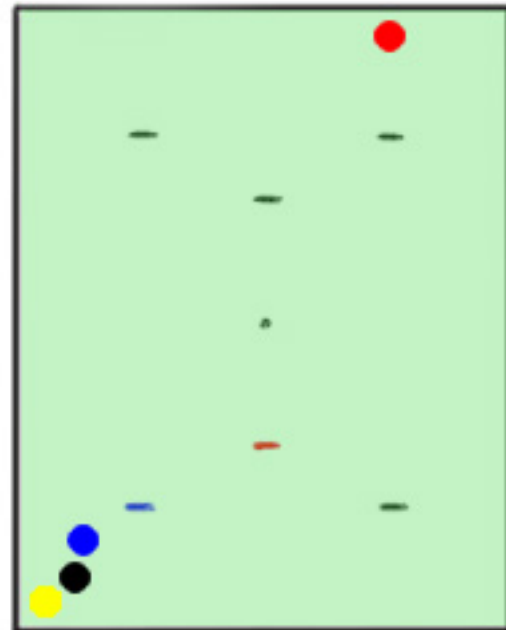
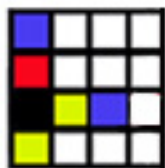


Diagram 3



Here is a situation where blue and black are leading by a point with blue being first ball in last turn. Blue is going for 3-back and all other balls going for 2-back. The only deadness is black on yellow and blue. Blue decides it doesn't need to score any more wickets so it takes advantage of rotation (order of play) by rushing black near yellow (Diagram 2) and then croquets black near yellow (Diagram 3). In Diagram 4 blue goes to corner 4 away from red and yellow's current position. At first glance one might question why blue put black near yellow with black being dead on yellow. The tactic blue is using here is one that

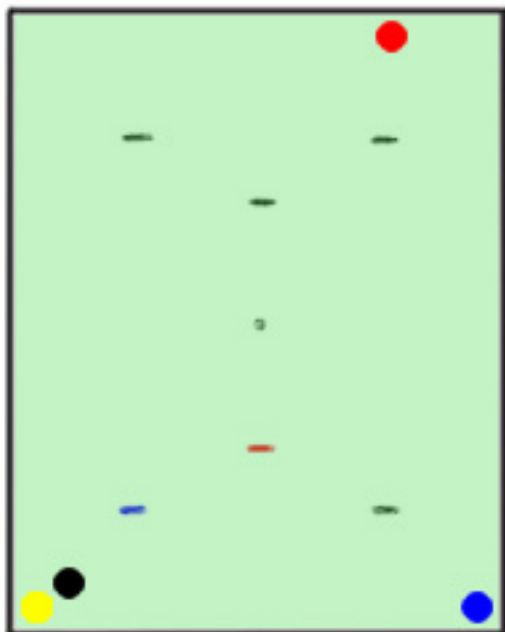
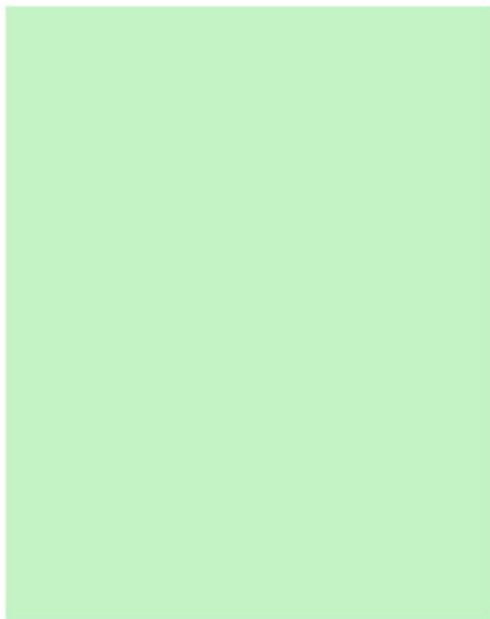


Diagram 4



is not used nearly enough (including championship players). Because black is alive on red, red won't be able to join yellow effectively. Yellow needs red to tie the score. If red joins yellow, black would roquet red and croquet red and itself out of bounds far from yellow. This would leave yellow a long desperation shot at a ball on the boundary. In making this play, it is important blue leave black slightly in the lawn so red can't deprive black it's shot by shooting close to yellow, a ball black is dead on.