

LAW XI - OFF-SIDE

This Law has two parts:

1. FACT:

Is as stated in the Law and learned prior to officiating a game.

2. OPINION:

Is that of the Referee, often assisted by a Neutral Linesman.

The opinion creates most of the controversy that tends to surround this Law.

OFF-SIDE

FACTS

A player is in an OFF-SIDE POSITION if:

- a) The player is in the opponents half of the field, and**
- b) The player has fewer than two opponents level with him or nearer to their own goal-line than he is, and**
- c) The player is nearer to the opponents goal-line than the ball.**

OFF-SIDE

FACTS

**A player shall not be declared
OFF-SIDE**

- 1. For being in an OFF-SIDE POSITION**

- 2. If the ball is received DIRECTLY
from a:**
 - a) Goal-kick**

 - b) Corner-kick**

 - c) Throw-in.**

OFF-SIDE

OPINION

A player in an off-side position shall not be declared off-side unless:

- 1. The player while in an off-side position receives the ball directly from one of his own team.**
- 2. In the opinion of the referee the player is interfering with play or with an opponent, or is seeking to gain an advantage by being in that position.**

This means that the player must be actively involved in some manner.

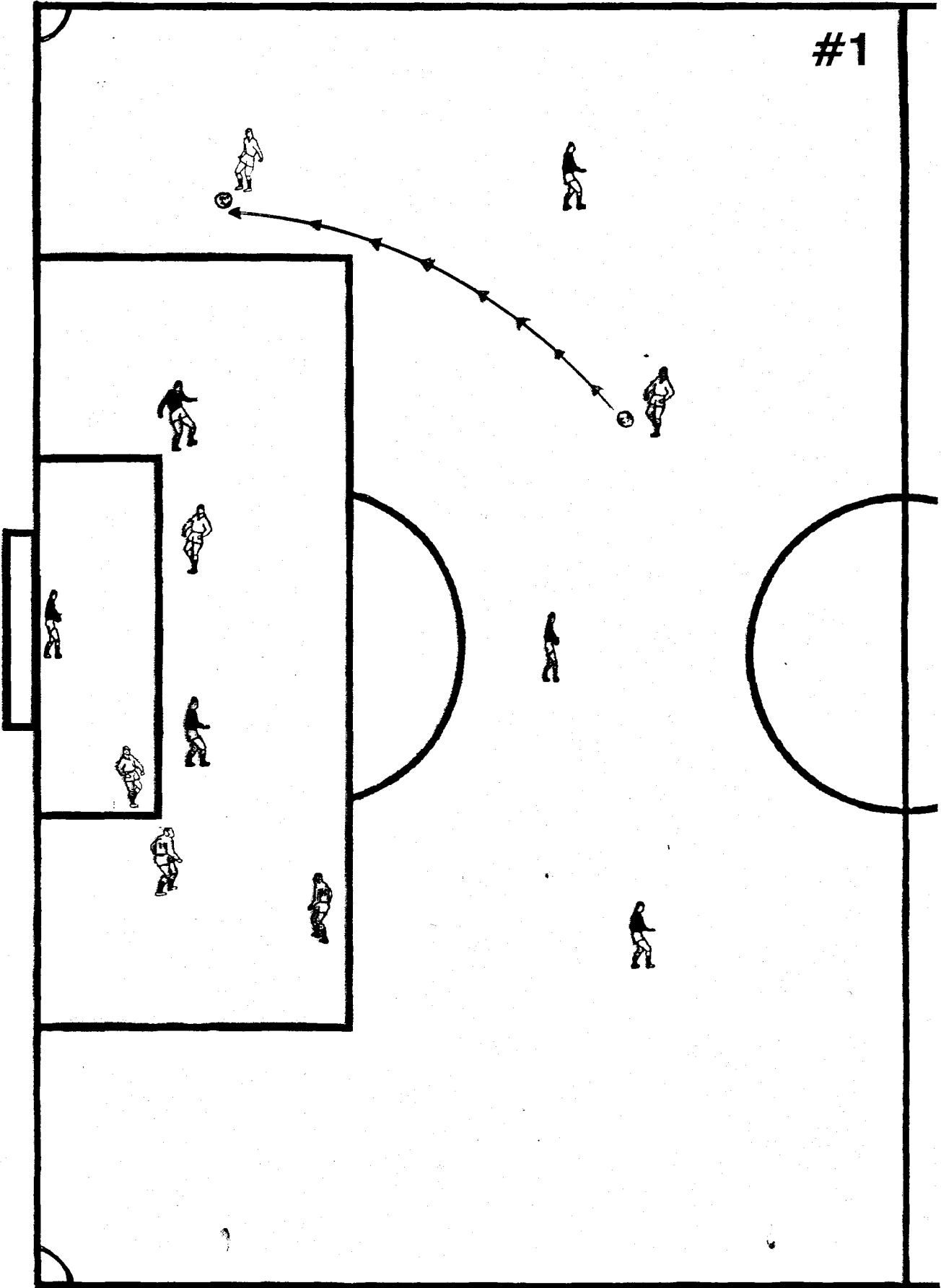
OFF-SIDE

An attacker can show clear intention of not participating in the play by:

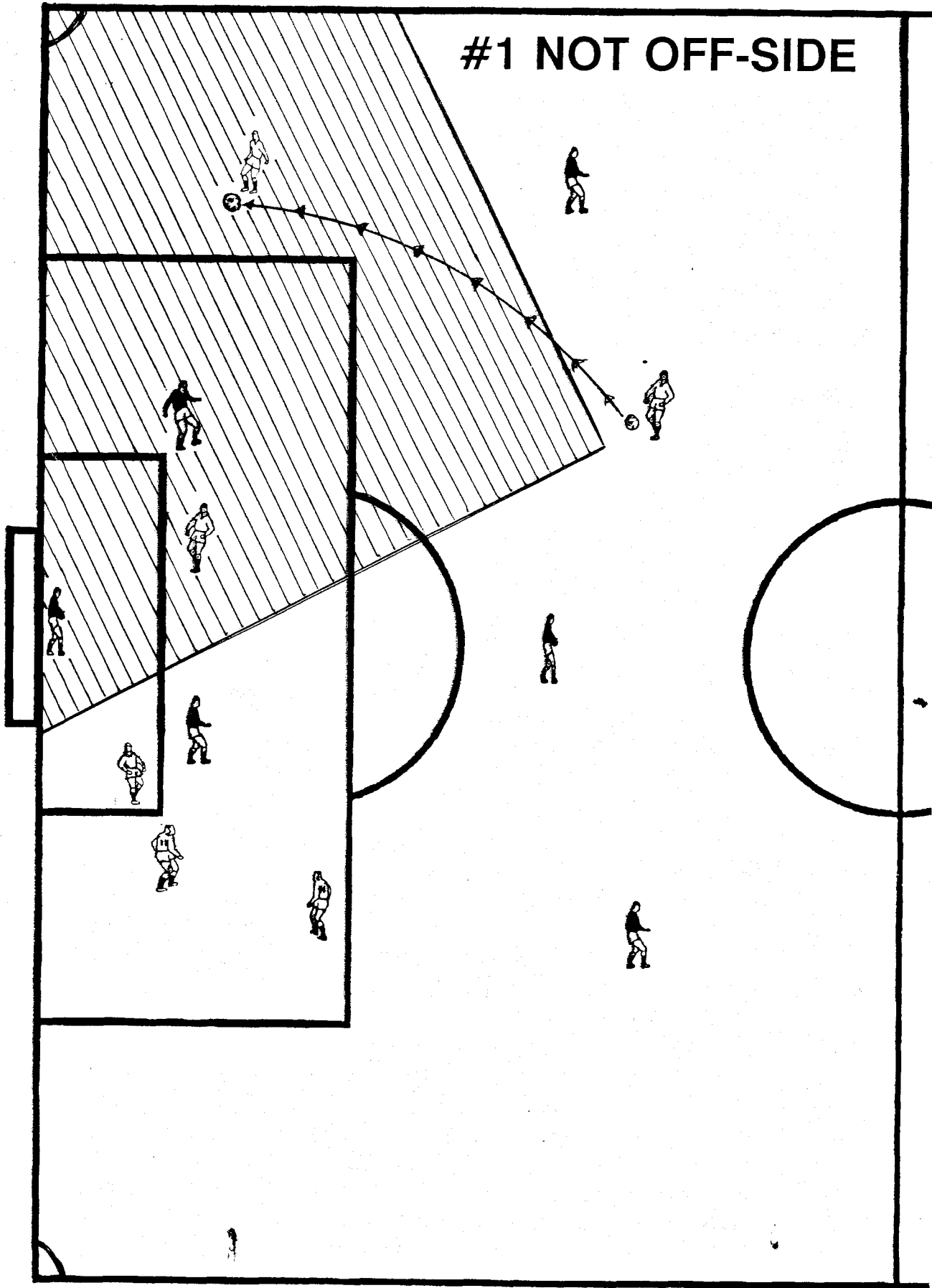
STANDING STILL, OUT OF THE WAY.

BY MOVING AWAY FROM THE ACTION.

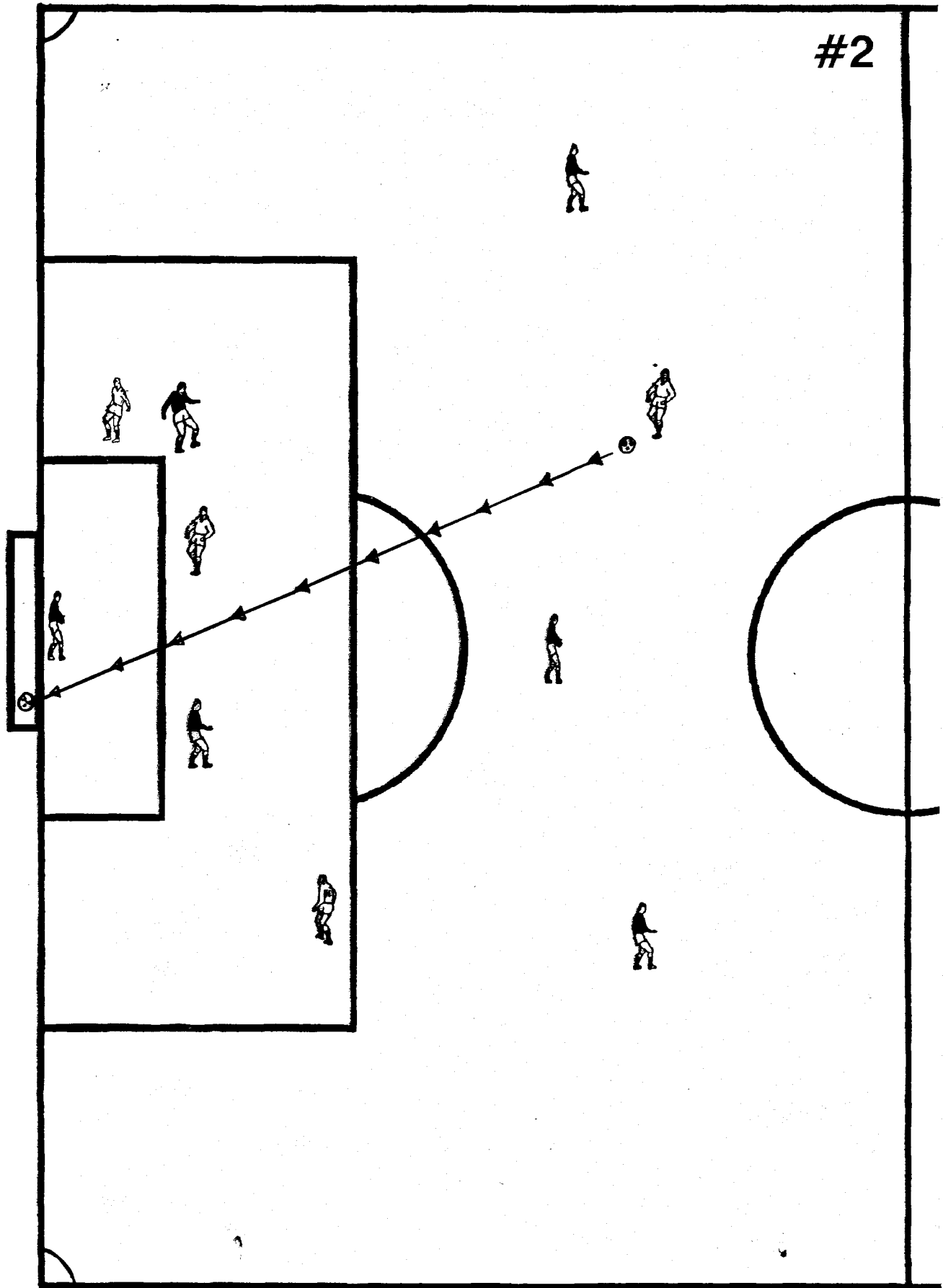
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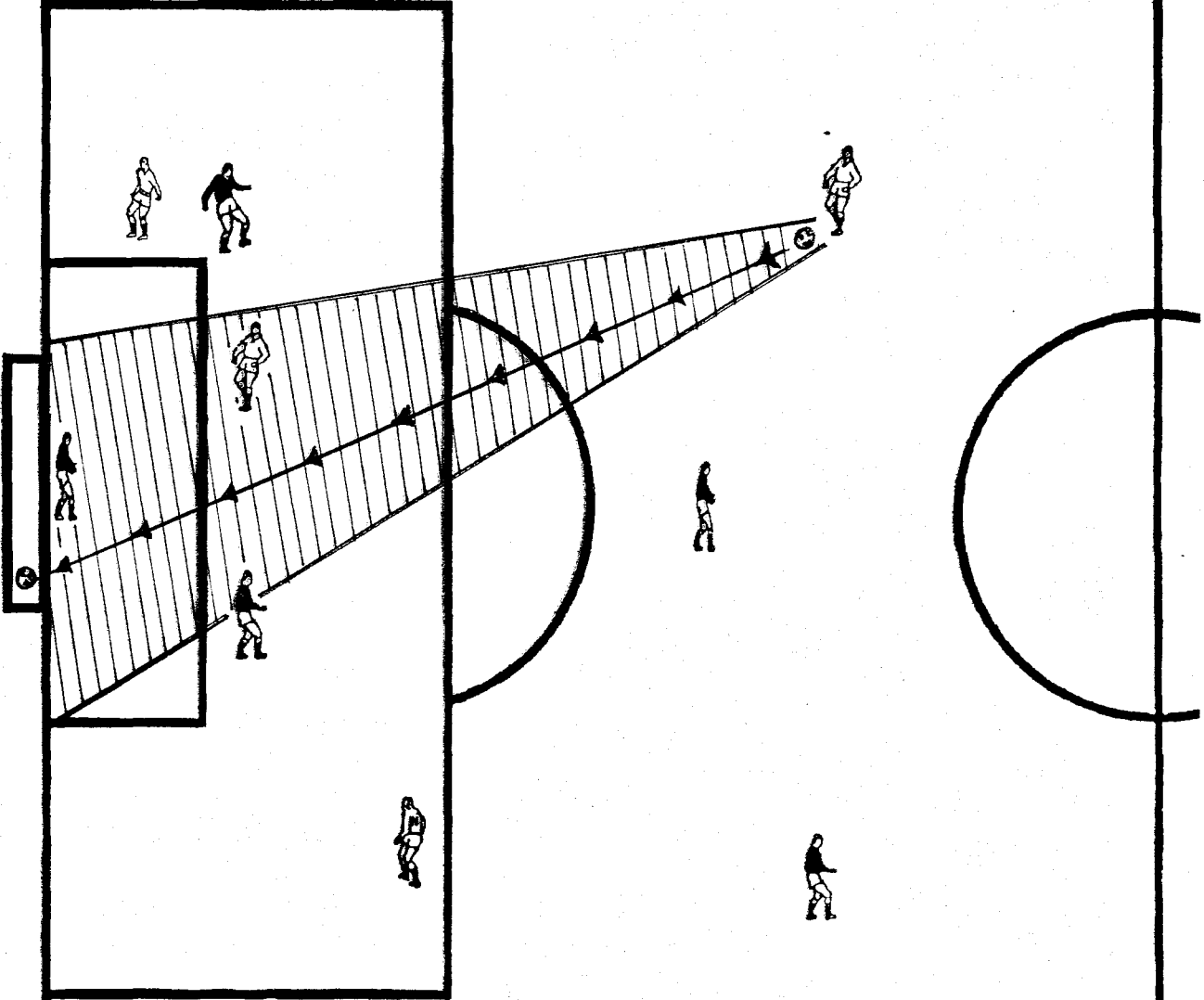
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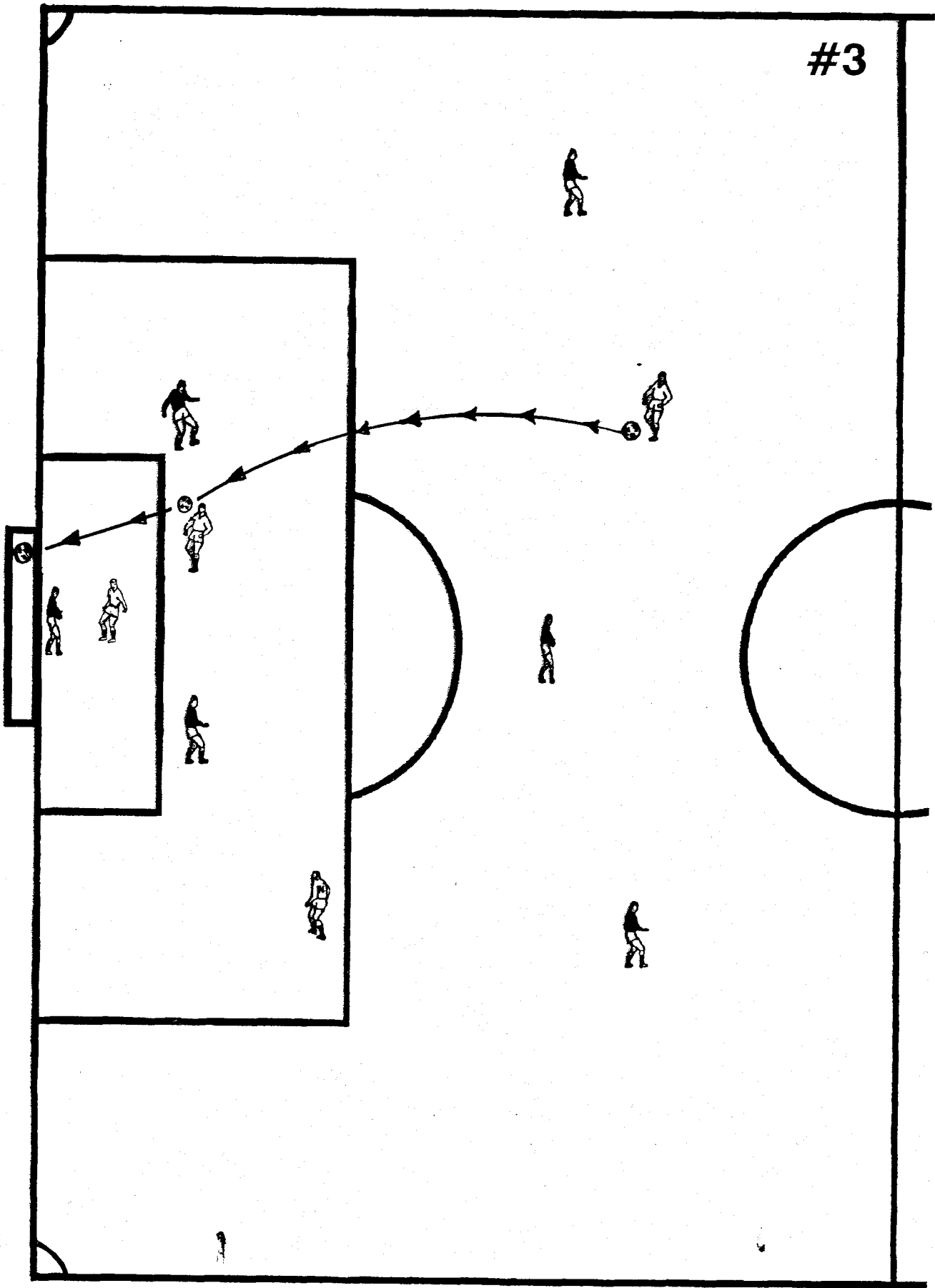
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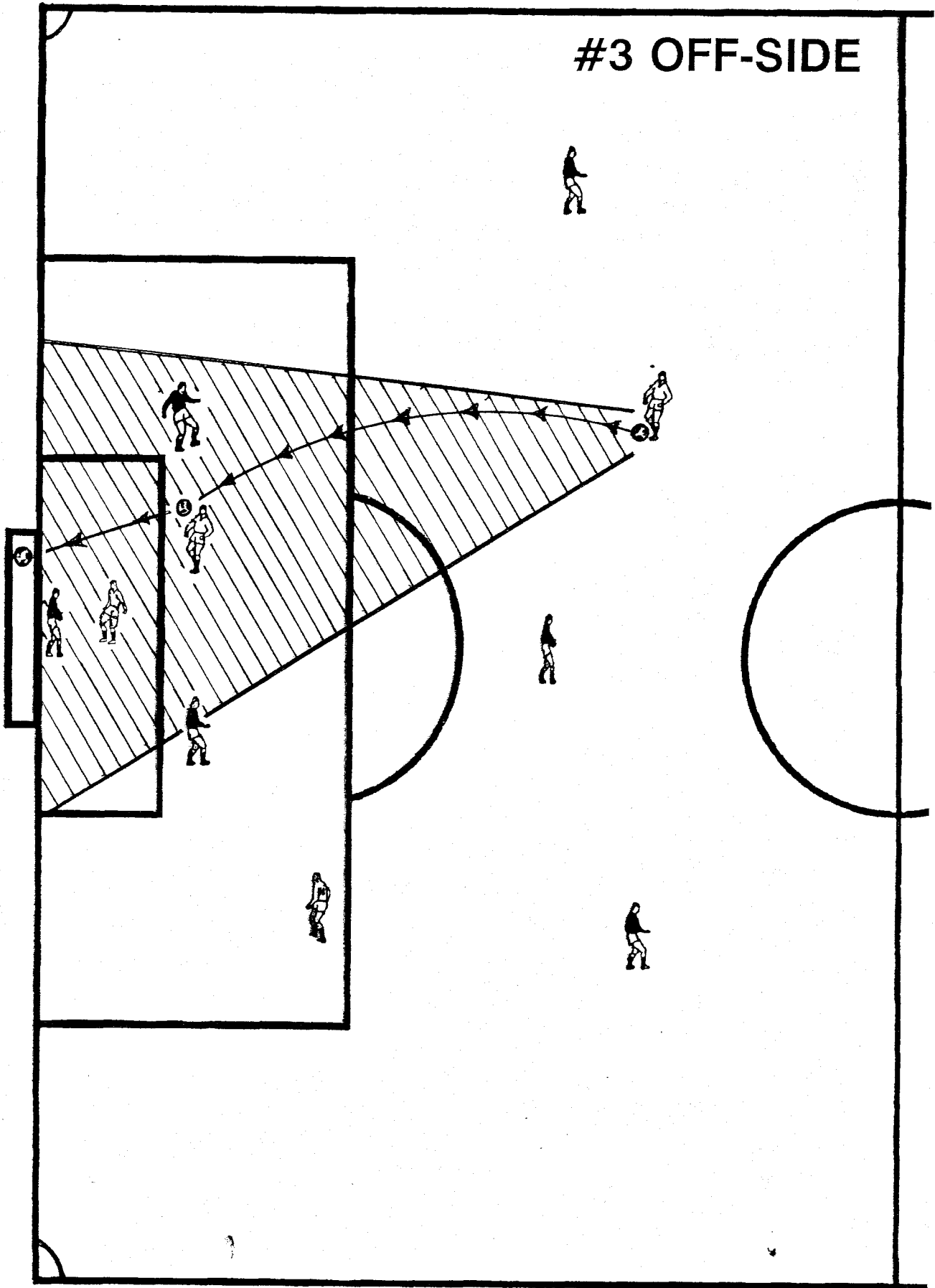
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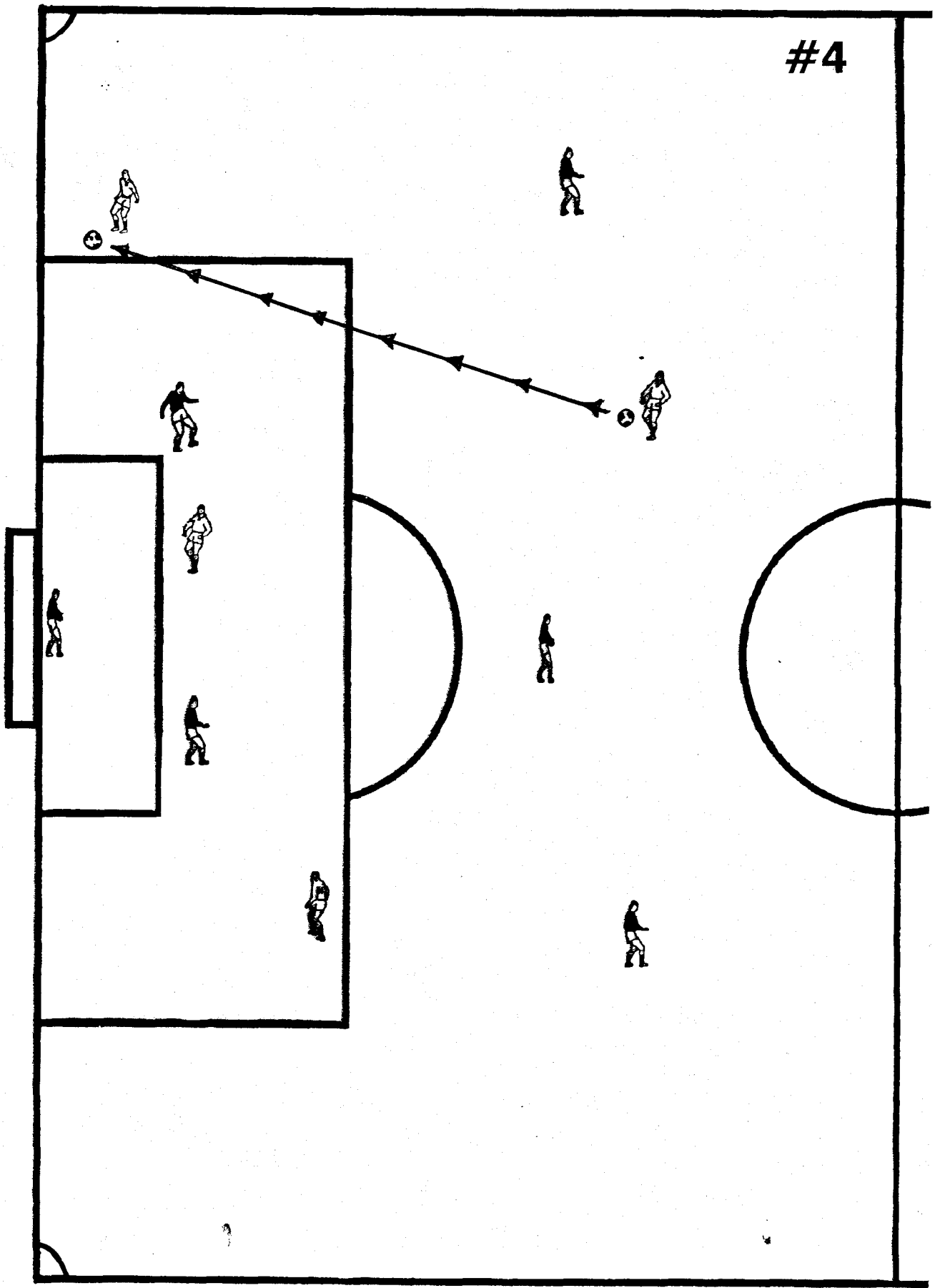
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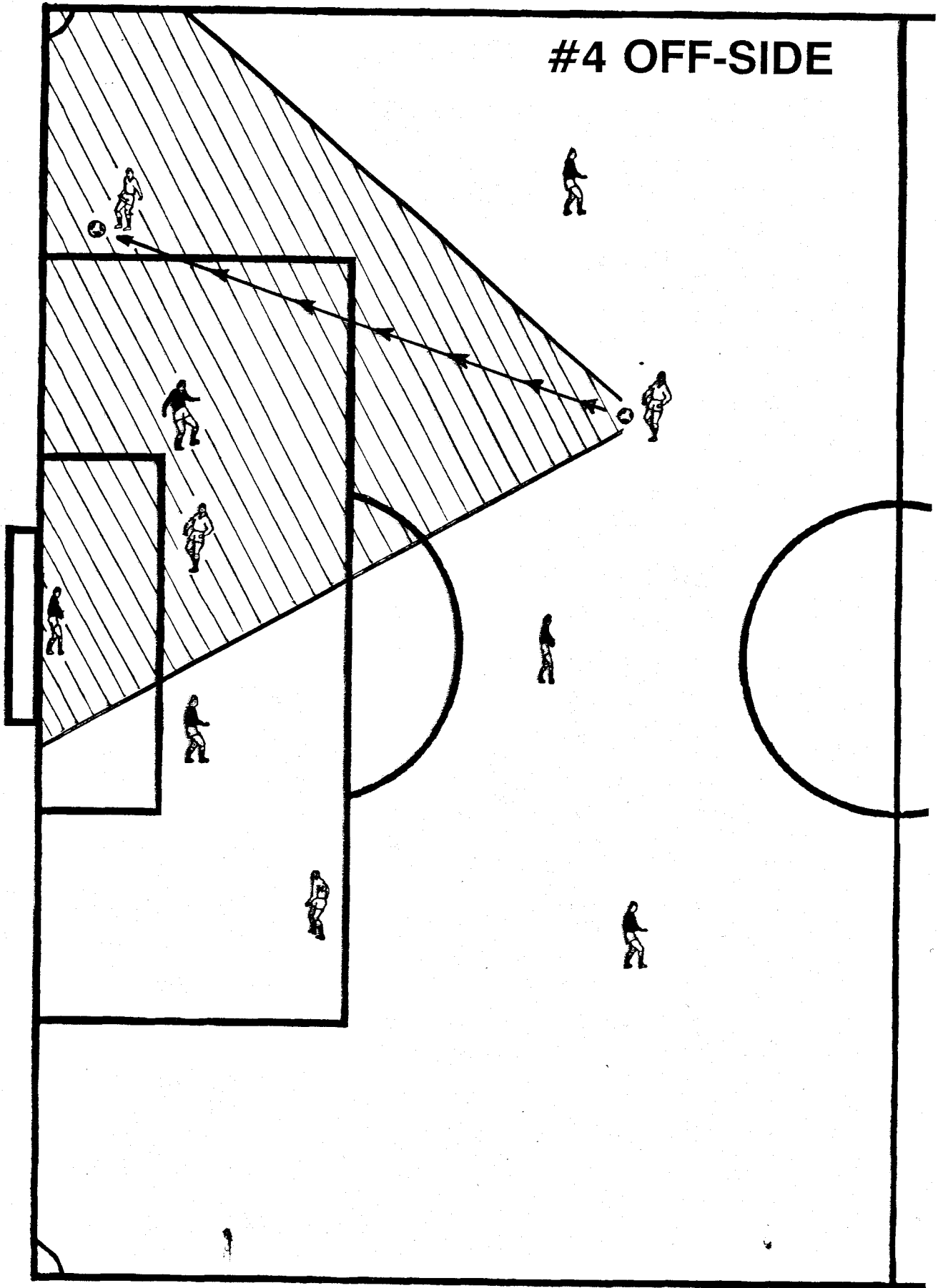
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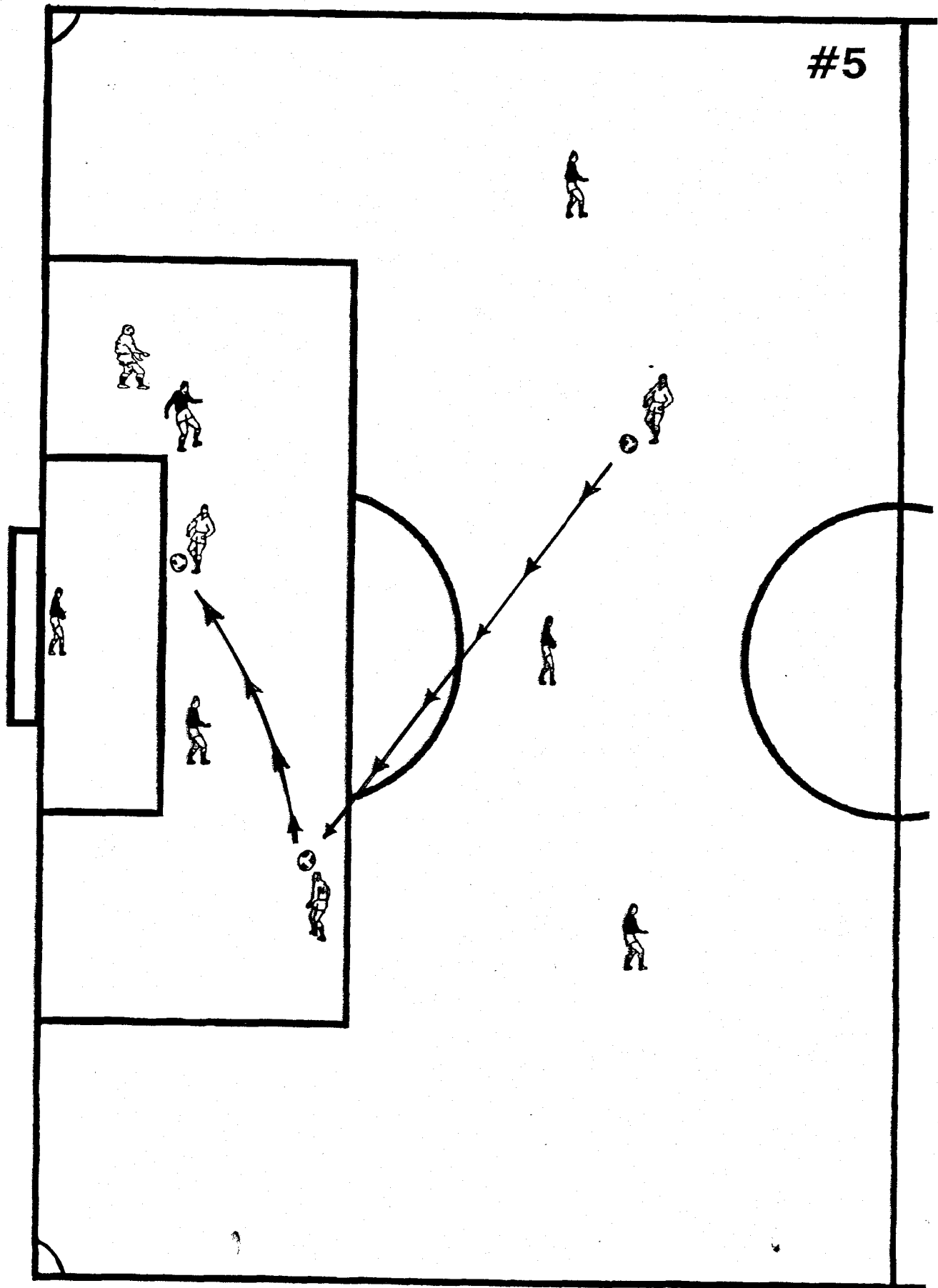
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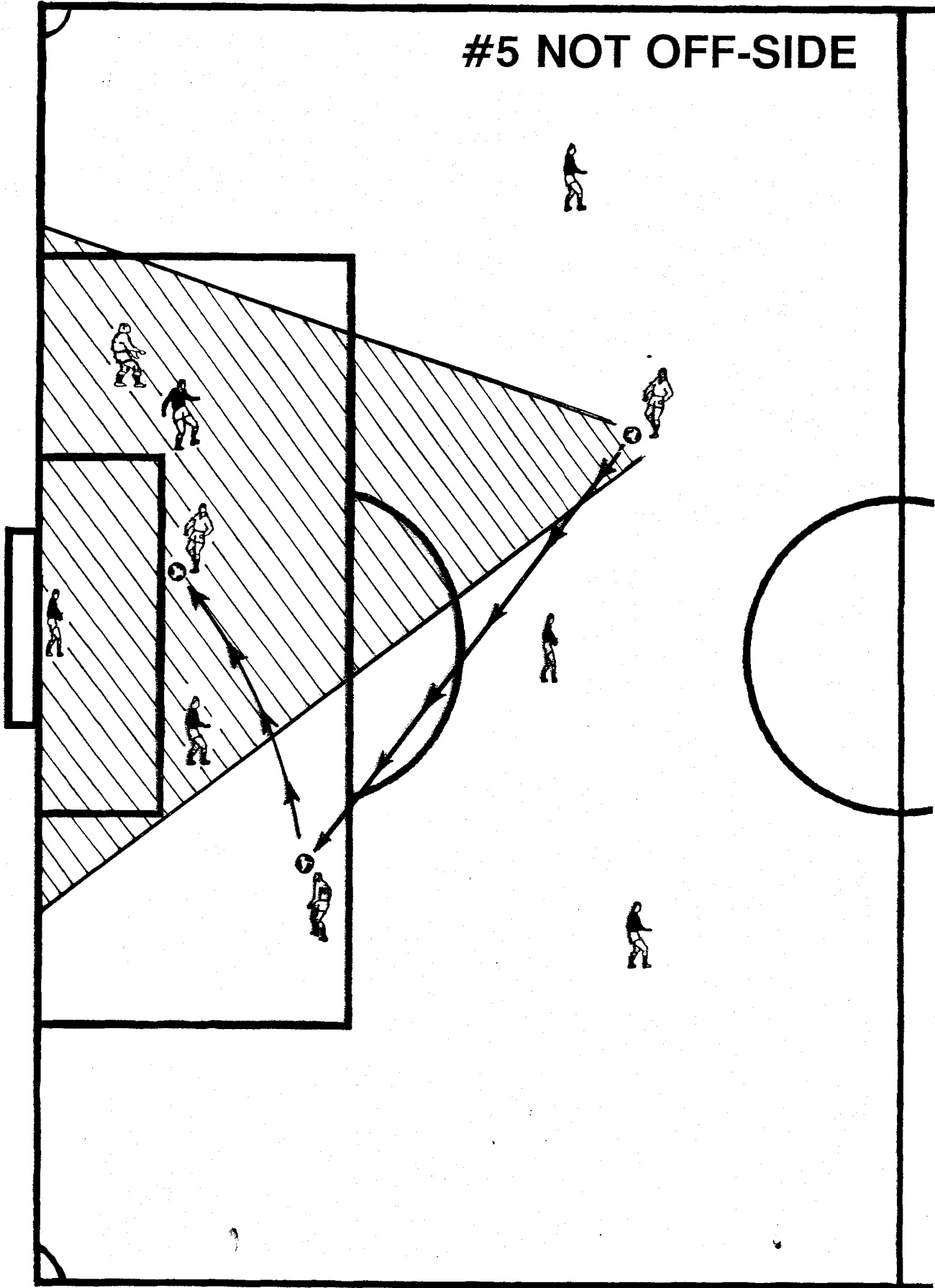
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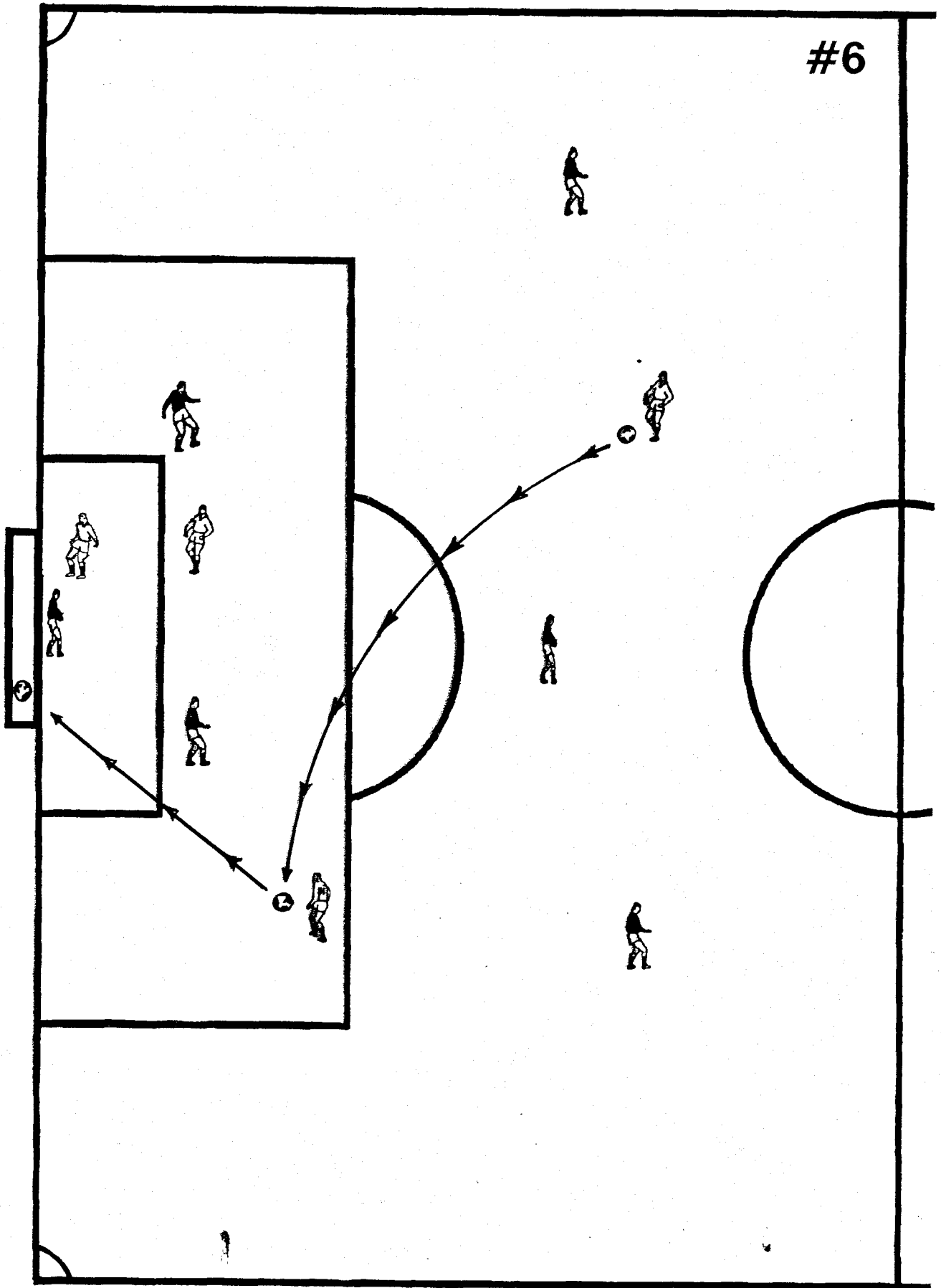
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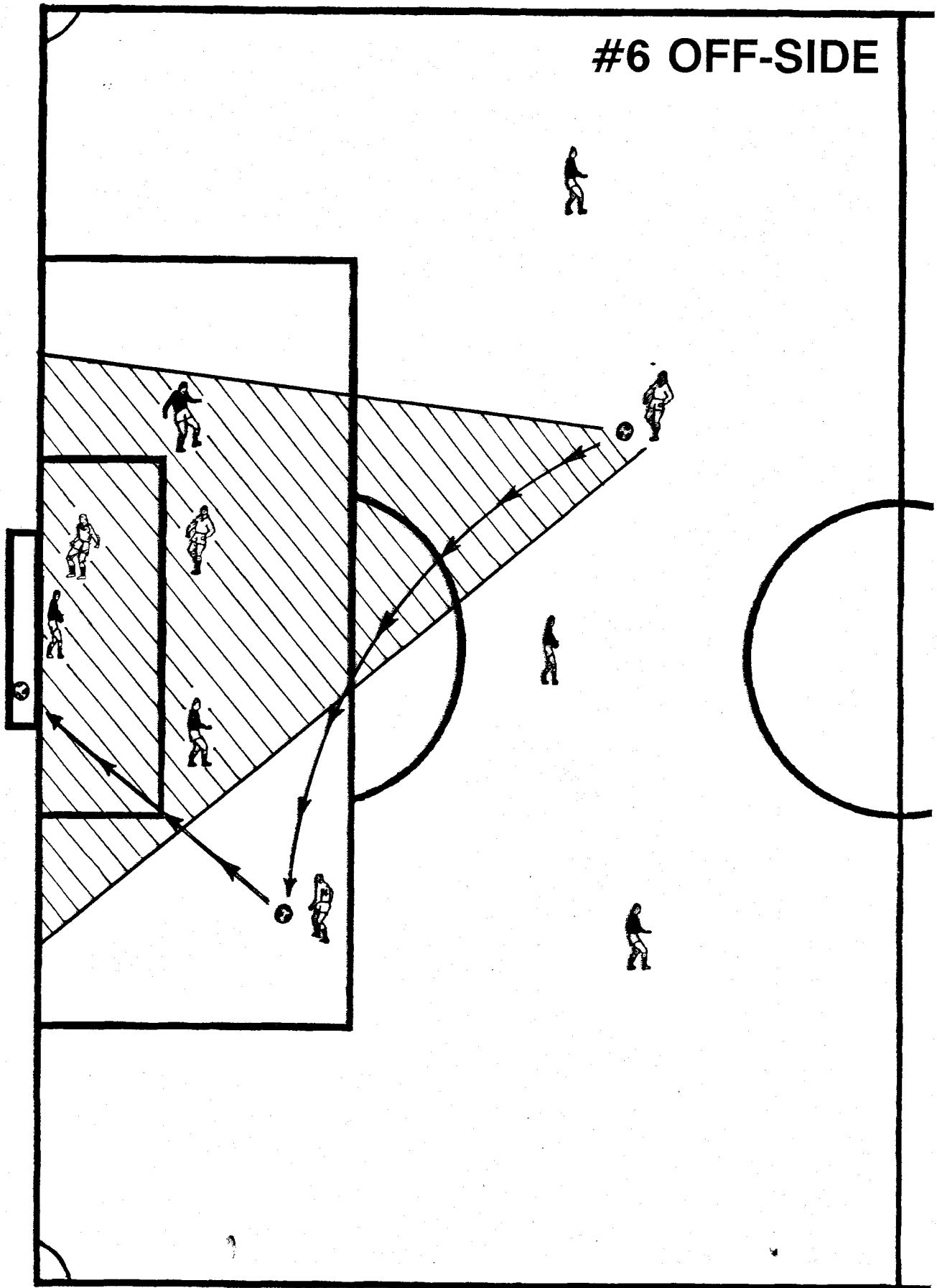
#5 NOT OFF-SIDE



#6



#6 OFF-SIDE



OFF-SIDE:

IF IN DOUBT

NO FLAG

AND

NO WHISTLE

EXAMPLE NUMBER	WAS THE PLAYER IN AN OFF-SIDE POSITION?	INTERFERING WITH PLAY OR WITH AN OPPONENT?	SEEKING AN ADVANTAGE?	OFF-SIDE?
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				