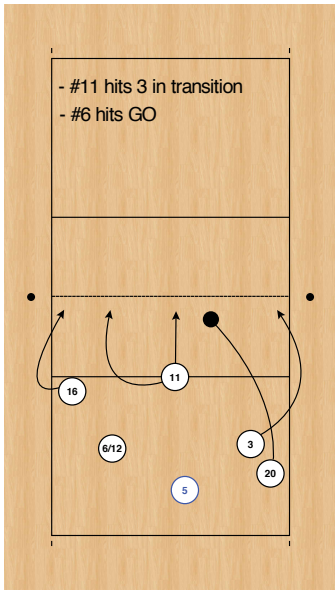


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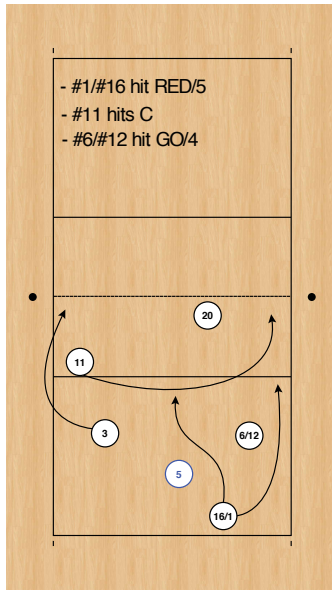
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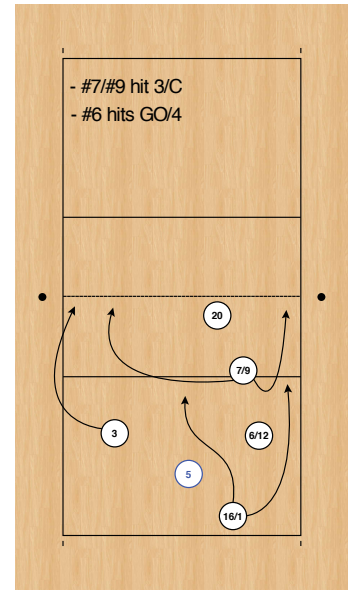
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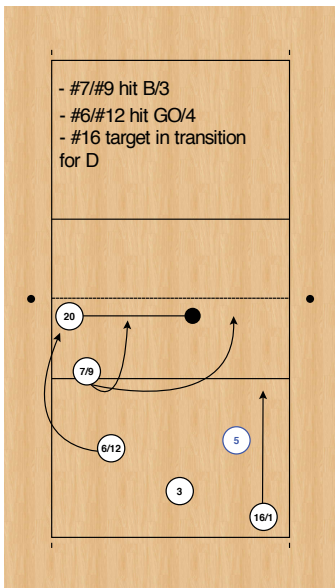
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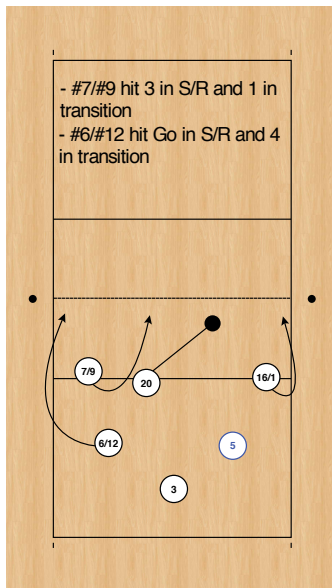
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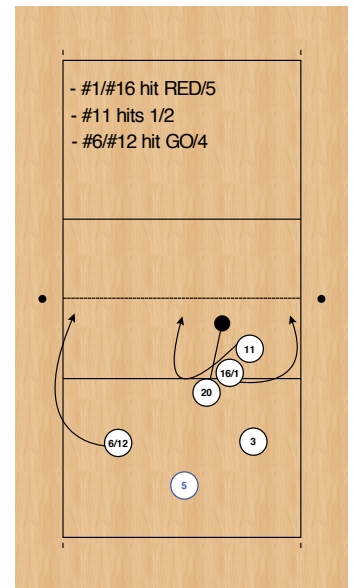
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### KEY

- Go Fast tempo 4 set
- 3 Gap set between middle and OH

- B Back gap set
- C Slide set to antenna

- D Back row right set
- R Fast tempo 5 set

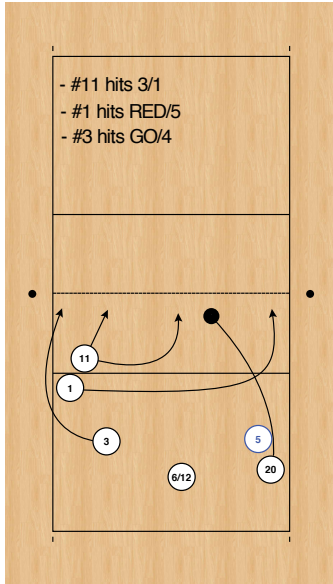
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### Rotation 1 - 1



### KEY

- Go Fast tempo 4 set
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### Japan's Roster:

- 1 Miyu Nagaoka - OPP - 5'11" - 25
- 2 Haruka Miyashita - S - 5'10" - Age 22
- 3 Saori Kimura - OH - 6'1" - Age 29
- 5 Arisa Sato - Libero - 5'5" - Age 27
- 6 Yurie Nabeya - OH - 5'10" - Age 22
- 7 Mai Yamaguchi - MB - 5'10" - Age 33
- 9 Haruyo Shimamura - MB - 6'0" - Age 24
- 11 Erika Araki - MB - 6'1" - Age 32
- 12 Yuki Ishii - OH - 5'11" - Age 25
- 16 Saori Sakoda - OPP - 5'9" - Age 28
- 18 Kotoki Zayasu - DS - 5'3" - Age 23
- 20 Kanami Tashiro - S - 5'8" - Age 25

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### General Observations

- In their match vs. Brazil, Japan began in Rotation 1 whether they were serving or receiving serve. Japan started Set 1 with lefty opposite Miyu Nagaoka (#1) and outside hitter Yuki Ishii (#12). These two players were replaced in sets 2 and 3 due to attack errors by opposite Nagaoka and reception errors by outside hitter Ishii. In set 1, Ishii was Brazil's primary serving target.
- In sets 2 and 3, Ishii was replaced by outside hitter Yurie Nabeya (#6). Opposite Nagaoka was replaced by Saori Sakoda (#16). In Set 3, middle blocker Haruyo Shimamura (#9) was replaced by Mai Yamaguchi (#7).
- All servers for Japan use some form of jump float serve except for lefty opposite Nagaoka, who uses a jump topspin.

### Offense

#### Rotation 1: Setter right back

- In set 1, lefty opposite Nagaoka (#1) sprinted from the left sideline to the right sideline to attack, allowing OH Saori Kimura (#3) to stack on the left side to attack the "Go" set. Nagaoka was primarily a line-side attacker. Kimura's shot of preference was a sharp cross-court attack.
- In sets 2 & 3, opposite Sakoda (#16) replaced Nagaoka. Instead of stacking the attackers to the left side of the court, they split their attackers with Kimura (#3) passing from the right side to attack the "Red" set. Sakoda attacked the "Go" set in serve receive. Both attackers primarily hit high seam deep cross court toward the corners.
- The 2 playsets in Rotation 1 were a Go/ 4 – 1 – Red that they ran 9 times and a Go/4 – 3 – Red that they ran 5 times.

#### Rotation 2: Setter middle back

- Japan split their hitters and overloaded their attackers to the left side by running a Go – 3 – Red playset 6 out of 7 serve-receive plays. 50% of the sets were "Go" sets and 50% were "Red" sets. They did not set their middle in serve receive in this rotation.

#### Rotation 3: Setter left back

- Japan split their hitters and ran some more balanced playset combinations by having the middle run some 3's, 1's and A's. They keep their offense spread by running Go's and Red's in system and modifying them to 4's and 5's in out-of-system situations. Middle Shimamura (#9) hits primarily in front of the setter running 3's & 1's; middle Yamaguchi (#7) hits behind the setter running A's, B's & C's.

#### Rotation 4: Setter left front

- There are two primary attack patterns in the two-hitter rotations for Japan. When the outside hitter and middle blocker both run sets in front of the setter, the back row opposite hits the "D." When the outside hitter runs the "Go" and the middle blocker attacks behind the setter, the back-row opposite hits the "Pipe."

#### Rotation 5: Setter middle front

- In sets 2 and 3 when Ishii (#12) was replaced, Brazil targeted outside hitter Kimura (#3) in serve receive. As a result, back-row opposite Sakoda (#16) was set often with the "D." Her shot of choice was mostly a high seam cross-court deep corner attack.

#### Rotation 6: Setter right front

- The two attack patterns in this rotation were similar to rotation 4. When the front-row attackers split, the back-row opposite hit the "Pipe." Middle Araki (#11) attacked her slide sets high seam to the cross-court corner.

### Defense

- Japan plays a fairly typical middle-middle read defense with the Libero playing left-back.
- They are not a tall team across the net and rely on control blocks for transition offensive opportunities vs. stuff blocking for points. Because of the shorter average block, the defense could be susceptible to high seam deep-court attacks.
- In order to compete with and upset the USA team, Japan must cover extraordinarily well and execute on their out-of-system opportunities by minimizing their unforced errors. They are generally a finesse team that must rely on their will to compete to be successful in the match.