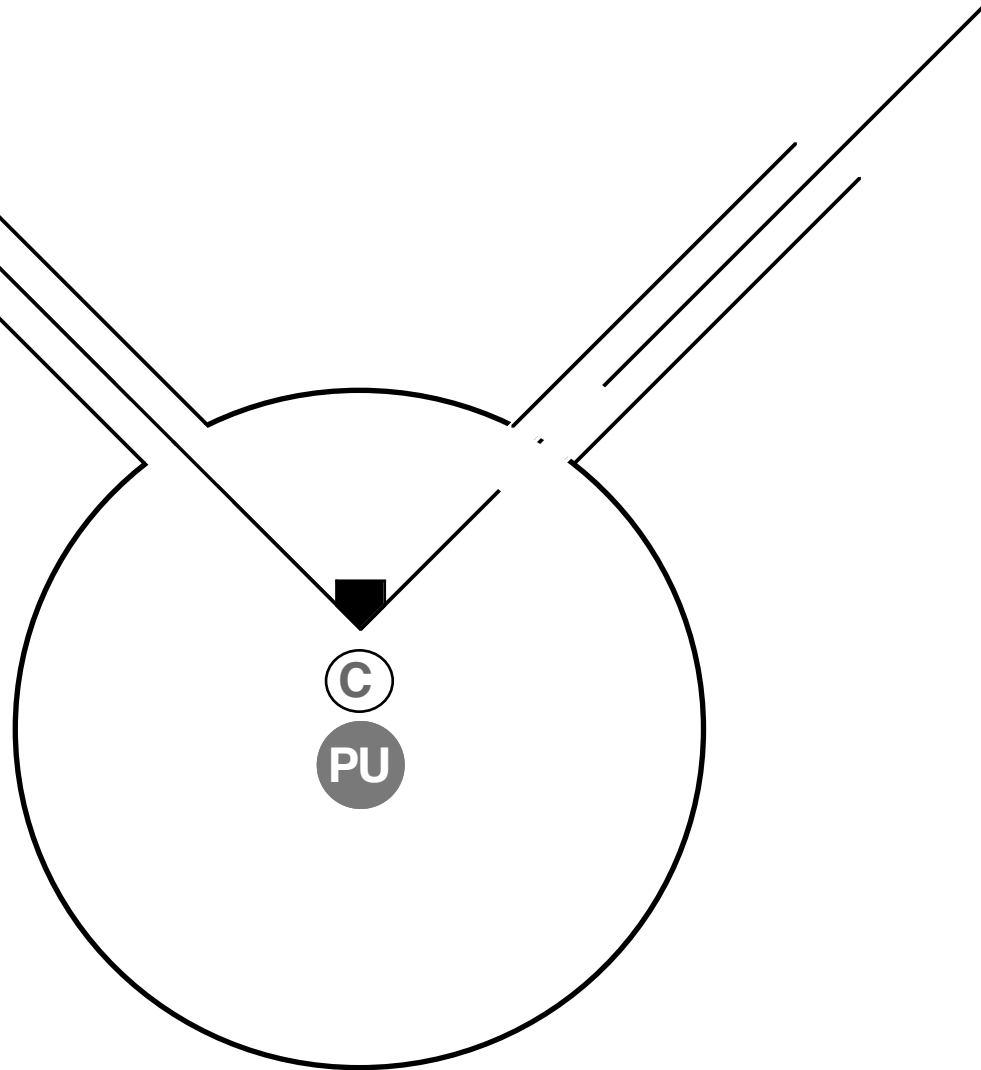


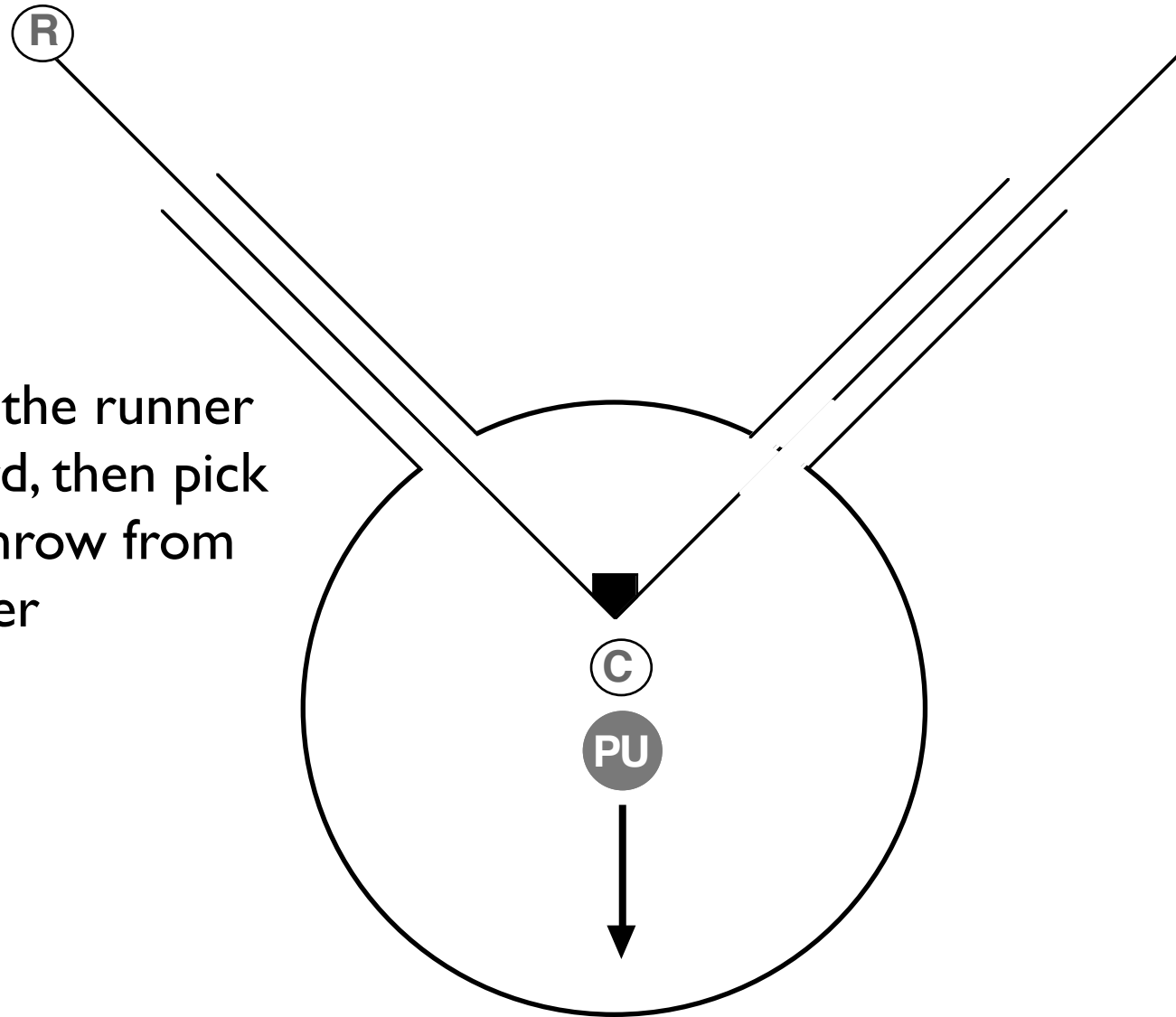
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- initial position
- If there are no rotation responsibilities, no fair/foul, no catch/no catch, no tag up responsibilities after the ball is hit, **drop straight back!**



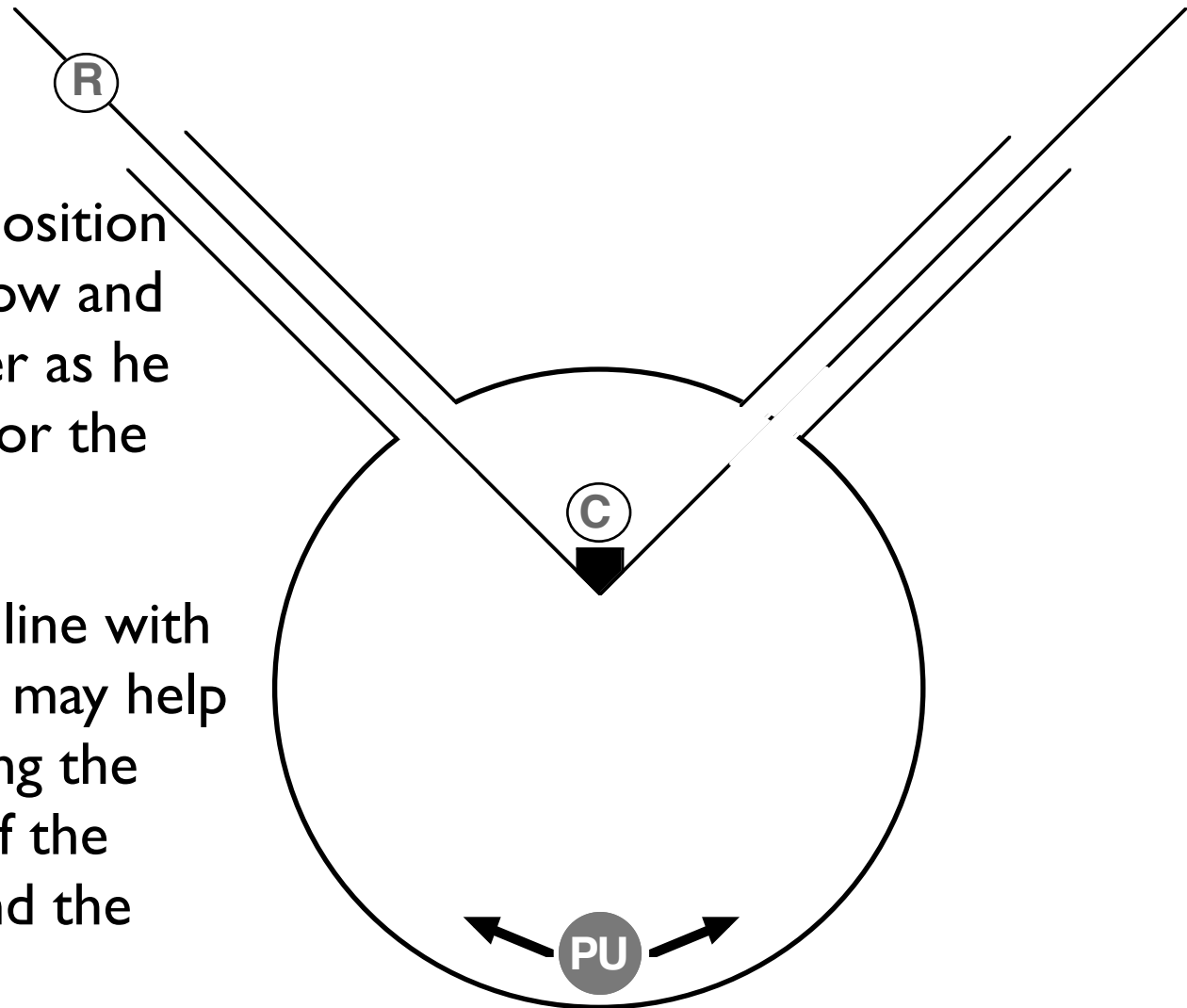
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- observe the runner touch 3rd, then pick up the throw from the fielder



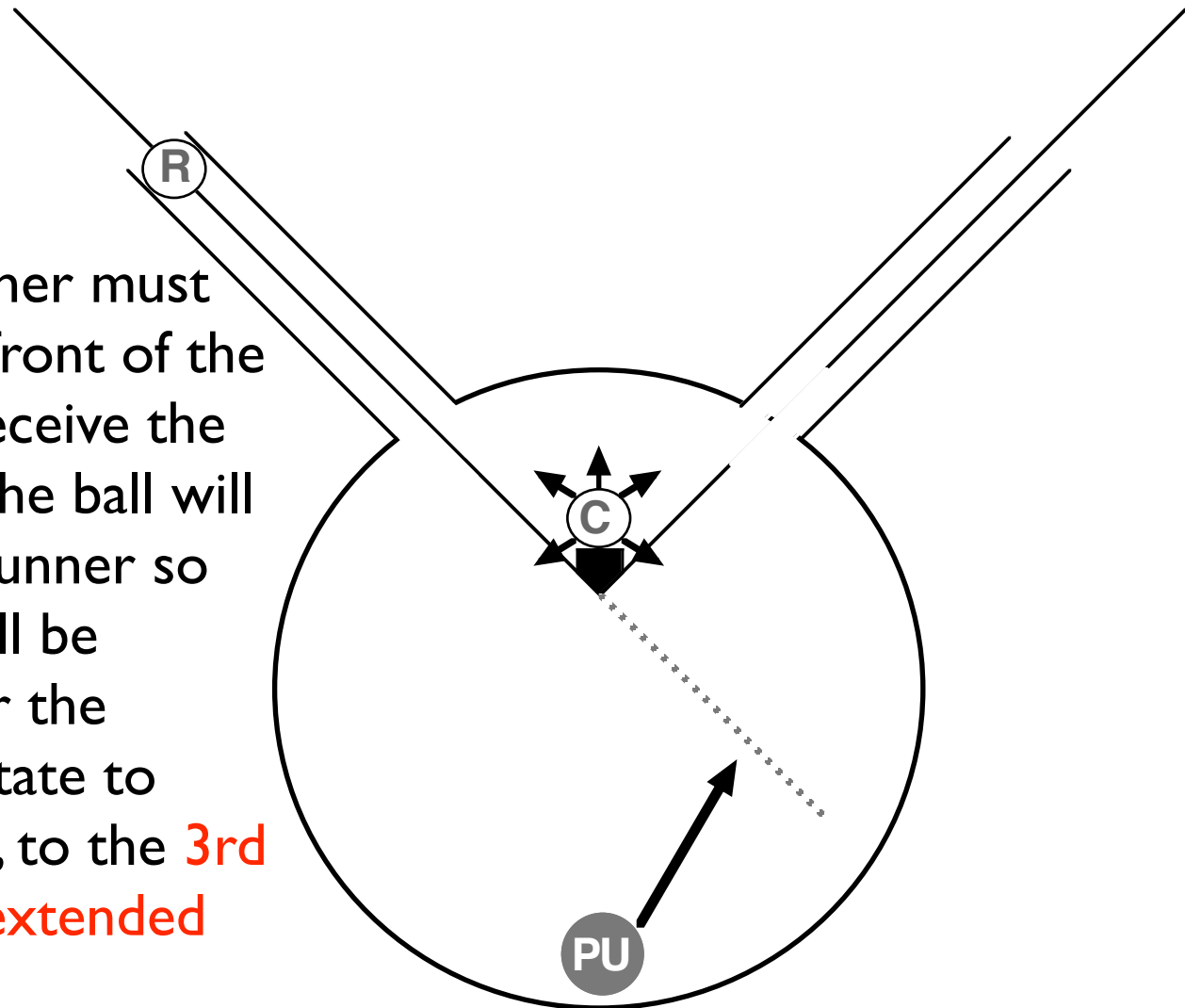
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- read the position of the throw and the catcher as he prepares for the throw
- moving in line with the throw may help determining the position of the catcher and the throw



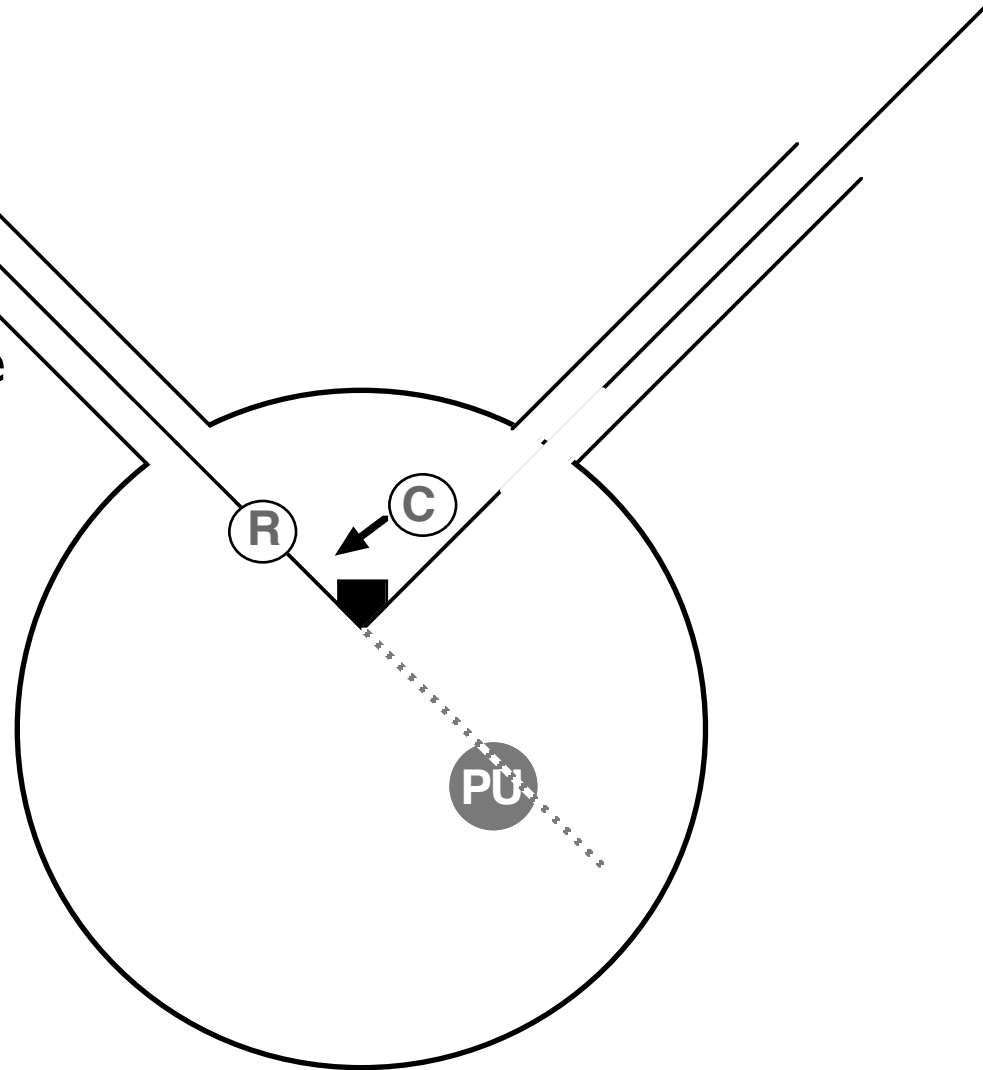
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- if the catcher must leave the front of the plate to receive the ball, or if the ball will beat the runner so that he will be waiting for the runner, rotate to your right, to the **3rd base line extended**



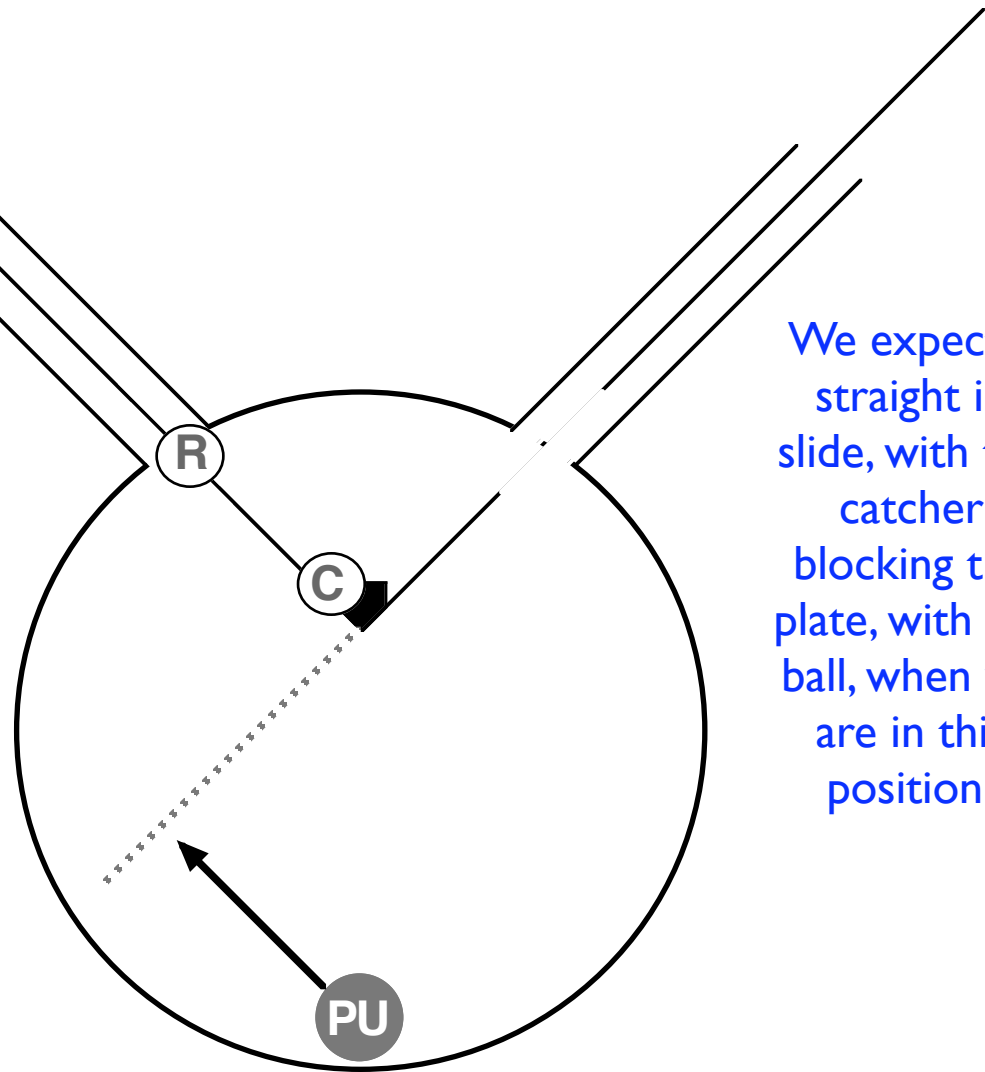
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- 3rd base line extended provides a look into the swipe tag by the catcher
- PU may get straight lined, preventing a view of the tag if on 1st base line extended



Taking Plays at the Plate

- if the ball is arriving at the plate, and the runner is arriving imminently, rotate to your left, toward the first base line extended
- this will optimize the view of the front of the plate and the tag
- not concerned with getting straight lined with the tag



We expect a straight in slide, with the catcher blocking the plate, with the ball, when we are in this position!

Taking Plays at the Plate

Take plays at the plate from the
third base line extended
whenever possible!

