

Keith's Klass

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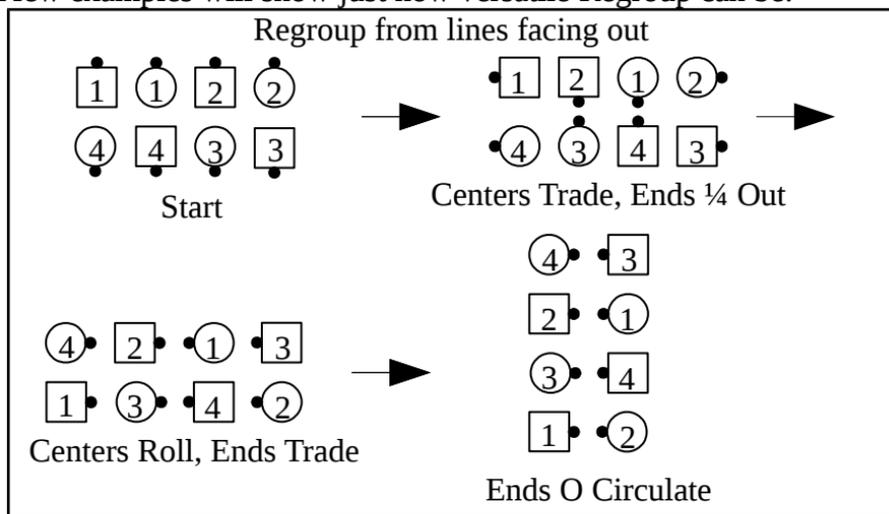
This month we will look at **Regroup**. This is a simple call that can be done from lots of different starting formations.

Definition:

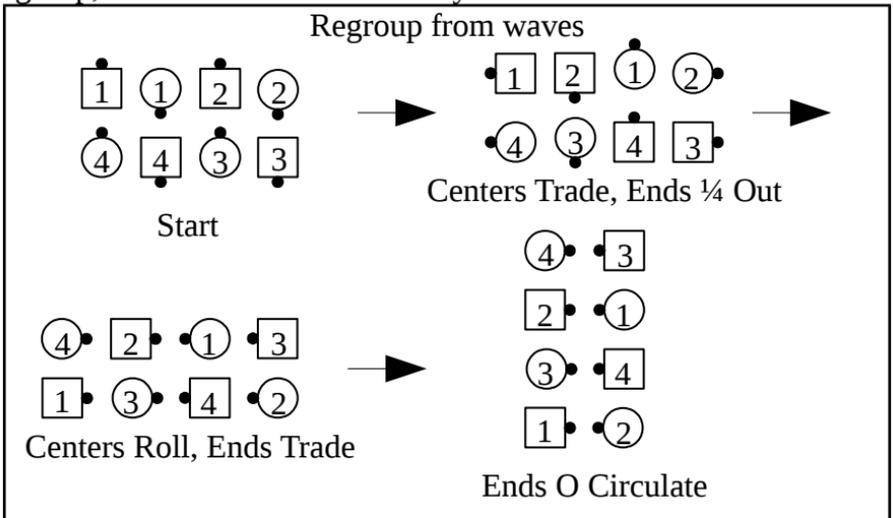
Centers Trade and Roll. Ends (who must start as ends of lines) $\frac{1}{4}$ Out, Trade, and O Circulate to become ends of lines.

The ends part has been variously (and inaccurately) described in other ways. You might hear it described as Ends $\frac{1}{4}$ Out and Cross Cast Back. That is not a good definition. It implies a left shoulder pass, and also implies that the ends can roll. In fact it should be a right shoulder pass (on the trade), and the ends cannot roll. You might also hear it described as Ends $\frac{1}{4}$ Out, Trade, and Press Out. That is also not a good definition. Press Out does not take into account the fact that the ends might sometimes have to move further forward or further sideways depending on where the centers are.

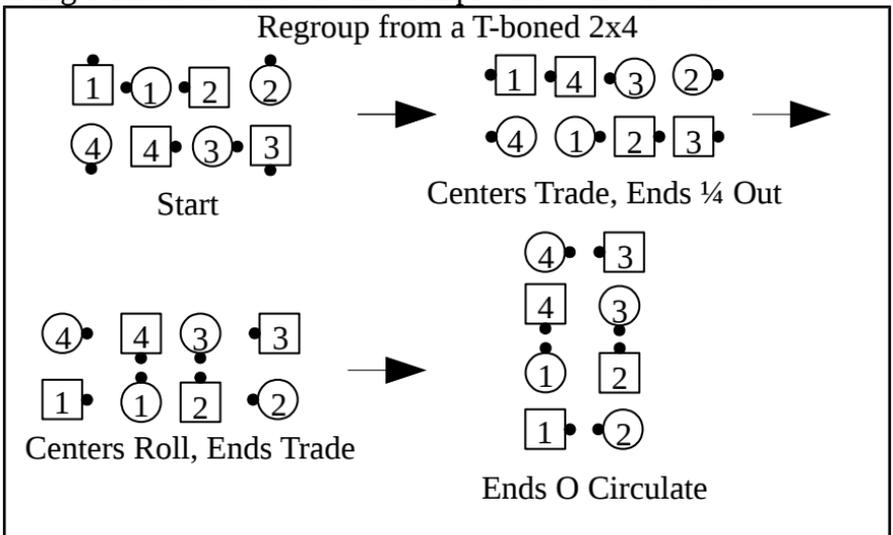
A few examples will show just how versatile Regroup can be.



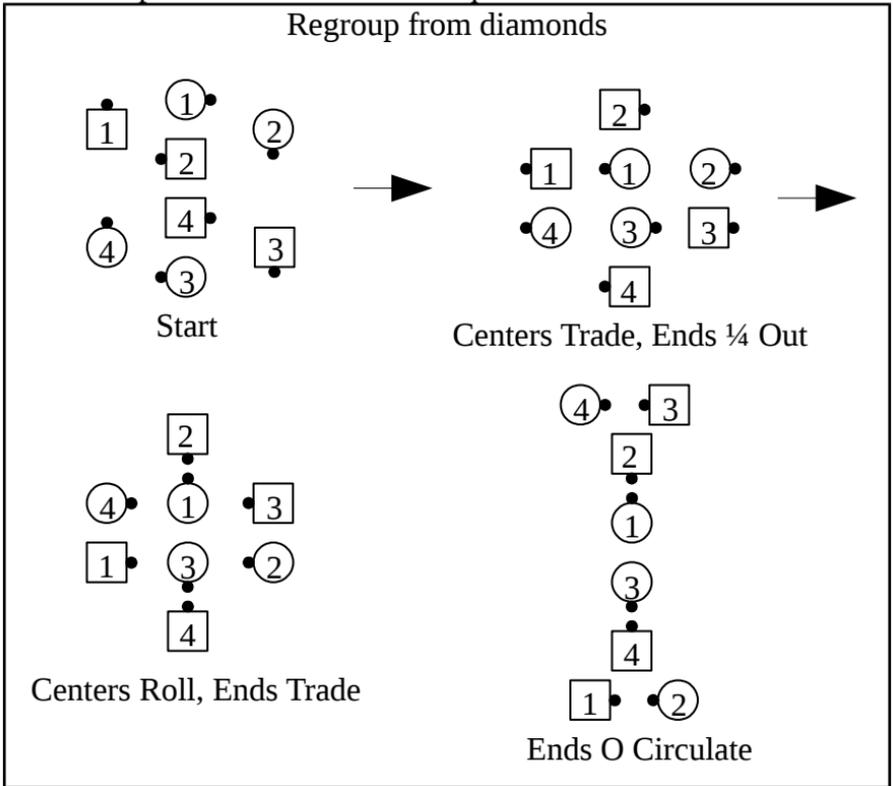
Lines facing out is probably the most common starting formation for Regroup, but it can be done from any lines.



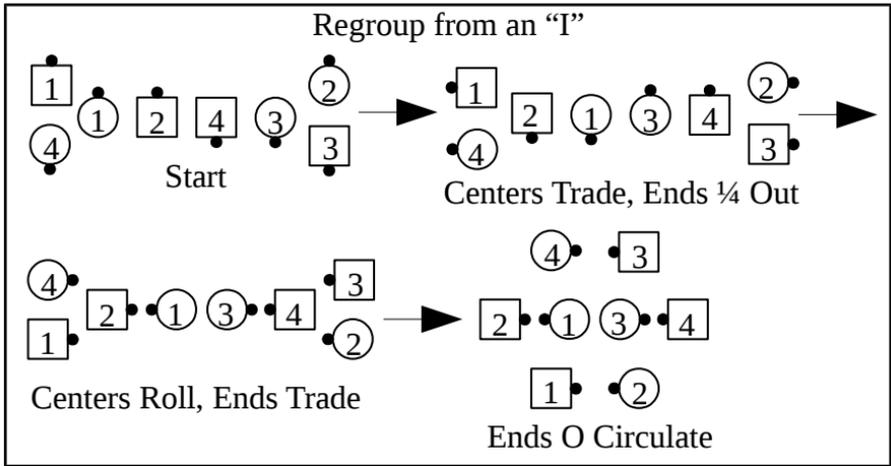
Gee, it ends the same as the one that started from lines facing out! Here is an interesting bit of information- Regroup from any parallel lines will always end in facing lines. But this is not true for other starting formations. Here is an example that starts T-boned:



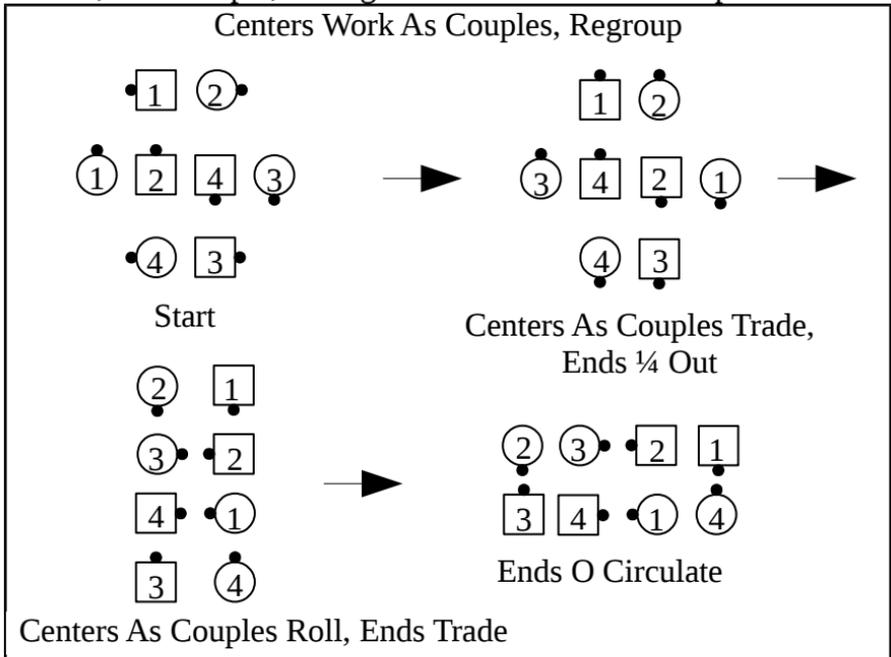
Not surprisingly, if it starts T-boned, it will end T-boned. What about some other starting formations. Regroup can be done from diamonds, because the points of diamonds are equivalent to ends of lines.



From diamonds the Centers are doing the Trade and Roll in their line. The Ends have to move very far apart on the O Circulate because they have to be out past the centers. The Ends can also start very far out so they have to move a long way forward on their O Circulate, like this:



Of course the caller can always throw in some modifications. Consider, for example, having the Centers work As Couples.



Regroup is a simple call, but it can be done from a surprisingly large number of different starting formations.