LICK OF THE WEEK

Albert Collins Cold, Cold Feeling

This week's lick is taken from the end of Albert Collins' recording of "Cold, Cold Feeling," from his 1978 Alligator release, Ice Pickin' (Alligator Records #ALCD 4713). I've used licks from this album before, but it bears repeating that it's a really great recording, and one that not only makes for good listening, but is worth studying to help expand and improve your blues guitar work.

Played in the key of B^b , it begins on the V (F7) chord, and follows the turnaround to the bVI (G^b 7) chord and on to the I (B^b m7). It is made up of notes from the B^b minor pentatonic scale, mostly in pattern 1, with some notes played above and below that position. It's very simple and straightforward, but you have to play some of the pull-offs lightly to achieve the subtle sound that Albert creates in places. Listen carefully to the audio.

Enjoy. JG