

LICK OF THE WEEK

B.B. King *Crying Won't Help You Babe*

This lick is from the first 4 bars of the intro to *Crying Won't Help You Babe*, off of B.B. King's 1997 collaboration album, *Deuces Wild* (MCA Records, Inc. # MCAD 11711). B.B. plays with different musicians on the 13 tracks, including Van Morrison, Eric Clapton, Bonnie Raitt and the Rolling Stones, to name some of them. On this track, B.B. is joined by David Gilmore and Paul Carrack. Great album and well worth a listen.

The lick is played over 4 bars of an A7 (I) chord. It is mostly derived from an A major pentatonic scale, with the ^b3 (C natural) mixed in to give it more of a bluesy sound. The fingering I give you begins in pattern 3 of the scale, in 9th position, and moves up to pattern 5, in 14th position. Those fingerings are mine, and I think it likely that B.B. played in the same positions, though there are other possibilities. I encourage you to try other scale patterns and positions.

Enjoy.
JG