

LICK OF THE WEEK

Freddie King *Onion Rings*

This week, the featured lick is taken from Freddie King's instrumental, *Onion Rings*, originally released as a single in 1963, and now found on **Freddie King All His Hits**, on the Federal label (Federal #KCD-5012). It's a great, funky tune, as are most of his numerous instrumental recordings.

The tune is a 12-bar blues, with no quick-change in measure 2, is written in the key of C. It has an 8-bar bridge, which starts on the IV (F7) for 2 bars, and moves to the I (C7) for another 2 bars. Then it moves back to the IV chord and finally ends on the V (G7). We start at the pick up to the bridge, and slide into an F chord in 1st position. There you play a short F minor pentatonic lick, using pattern 1. After 2 bars you move up to the C in the 8th position, and play the same lick in C minor pentatonic in pattern 1. At the end you move back down to the F chord and play the F chord again. There we leave it as it moves along in the progression.

Enjoy.
JG