



**“Tales from Azar’s Attic”**

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On page 157, Rick describes how the phenomenal hockey scoring line was named. He said writers and broadcasters were scrambling to come up with a tag.

He continues, ***“the one that stuck was 'The French Connection'. It was first heard on a 6:15 sportscast on Channel 7. Yes, my sportscast, but I can't take credit for it. Alan Nesbitt, our assistant news director, and I were discussing the naming frenzy, and he suggested the movie title. It was a stroke of brilliance. I couldn't wait to lead with it. The lightbulbs in my brain were flashing like crazy. Paul Weiland, the Sabres PR man at the time, claimed it was first displayed on the message board at the Aud that same night. Could be, but the first time it was heard was on Channel 7, thanks to Alan Nesbitt.”***

