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shocked" by the comments attributed to Esposito.

"I don't like what I read," Bergeron said. "I can't take that. I'll talk to Phil. We'll see. Phil knows who's playing, who's not. I understand he doesn't always agree. But I don't like to see it in the papers."

Wayne Gretzky's trade to Los Angeles was not only costly to the Kings, but to New York freelance photographer Bruce Bennett as well.

Bennett says he was stuck with 6,464 negatives of Gretzky in an Edmonton Oilers' uniform that are hard to move now.

"We're getting an occasional sale now and then, but we'll probably have to throw most of them out," says Bennett.

Edmonton Oilers co-coach John Muckler says the stick work in the NHL this season is tame compared with the old days in the American and Eastern leagues.

"I remember Larry Zeidel and another guy breaking

