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## NEWS RELEASE

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# DEVILS SIGN EIGHT FREE AGENTS

**East Rutherford, NJ** - New Jersey Devils CEO/President/General Manager Lou Lamoriello today announced the signing of eight players: goaltenders Ari Ahonen and Scott Clemmensen; defensemen Bobby Allen, Ray Schultz, and Steven Spencer; and forwards Brett Clouthier, Ryan Murphy, and Pascal Rheaume. As per club policy, no further terms were disclosed.

Ahonen led Albany (AHL) with 50 games, 13 wins, two shutouts, and a 2.99 goals-against average during the 2003-04 season. He was recalled by New Jersey twice this past season, but has not seen any NHL action during his three-year North American career. The 6'2", 195 lb. goaltender was born February 6, 1981 in Jyvaskyla, Finland. Ahonen was selected by New Jersey in the first round of the 1999 NHL Entry Draft.

Clemmensen split his third professional campaign between Albany (22 games) and New Jersey (4). He recorded three victories in four starts, including two shutouts. Clemmensen became just the 16th netminder in the modern era to post a shutout in his first NHL start, stopping 25 shots January 20 at Pittsburgh. The 6'3", 205 lb. Clemmensen was born July 23, 1977 in Des Moines, IA. He was selected by New Jersey in the eighth round of the 1997 NHL Draft.

Allen, posted five goals and ten assists for 15 points and 18 penalty minutes in 56 games with Toronto (AHL) in 2003-04, his third season with the Oilers' organization. He made the lone appearance of his NHL career during the 2002-03 season. Allen was acquired by Edmonton from Boston on March 19, 2002, in exchange for current Devil Sean Brown. The native of Braintree, MA was born November 14, 1978. Allen starred at Boston College for four seasons from 1997-98 through 2000-01, where his teammates included current Devils Scott Clemmensen and Brian Gionta. During his time with the Eagles, the defenseman was named to the Hockey East Second All-Star Team in 2000, and First All-Star Team in 2001, as well as the NCAA East First All-American Team as a senior. The 6'1", 205 lb. Allen was Boston's second choice and the 52nd overall selection in the 1998 Entry Draft.

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Schultz will be entering his eighth pro season. He appeared in 73 games as captain of the Calder Cup Champion Milwaukee Admirals (AHL) in 2003-04, recording two goals and ten assists for 12 points and 153 penalty minutes. Schultz split each of six seasons from 1997-98 through 2002-03 between the NY Islanders and the minors. During that time, he appeared in 45 NHL games, posting four assists and 155 penalty minutes. The 6'2", 215 lb. Schultz was born November 14, 1976 in Red Deer, Alta. The defenseman was Ottawa's eighth choice in the 1995 draft.

Spencer appeared in 35 games during his first pro season with South Carolina (ECHL) last season. The 6'3", 220 lb. defenseman was born June 16, 1982 in Regina, Sask. He was Nashville's eighth choice, and the 266th overall pick in the 2002 draft. He played his junior hockey with the WHL's Swift Current Broncos.

Clouthier will be entering his fourth season in the Devils' system. He saw action with both Albany (39 games) and Cincinnati (ECHL, 12) in 2003-04. Clouthier's three-season totals with the River Rats show 11 goals and seven assists for 18 points and 451 penalty minutes in 175 contests. The 6'5", 225 lb. left wing was born June 9, 1981 in Ottawa, Ont. He was New Jersey's third choice, and the 50th overall selection in 1999.

Murphy posted ten goals and nine assists for 19 points and 28 penalty minutes in 71 appearances during his first season with Albany in 2003-04, his third season as a pro. He was signed by New Jersey July 30, 2003 after two seasons in the Hurricanes' organization. The 6'1", 210 lb. left wing was born on March 21, 1979 in Van Nuys, CA. Murphy was Carolina's fourth choice, and the 113th overall selection in 1999.

Rheaume, played for the NY Rangers (17 games), Hartford (AHL, 3), and St. Louis (25) during the 2003-04 season. He rejoins the Devils for the third time during his 12-season pro career, having been previously acquired on October 1, 1992 as an undrafted free agent, and on February 24, 2003 from Atlanta. Rheaume was a member of New Jersey's 2003 Stanley Cup Championship team, as well as Albany's 1995 Calder Cup Championship Team. His career totals show 39 goals and 52 assists for 91 points and 140 penalty minutes in 305 NHL games with New Jersey, St. Louis, Chicago, Atlanta, and the NY Rangers. The 6'1", 220 lb. center was born June 21, 1973 in Quebec City, Que.

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**ARI AHONEN****GOALTENDER**

Born, Jyvaskyla, Finland, February 6, 1981; Catches left. 6'2", 195 lbs.; New Jersey's 1st choice, 27th overall, in 1999 Entry Draft.

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	W	REGULAR SEASON					SO	AVG	GP	W	L	PLAYOFFS			
					L	T	MINS	GA							MINS	GA	SO	AVG
1997-98	Jyvaskyla	Fin. Jr.	31	-	-	-	1853	64	-	2.09	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1998-99	Jyvaskyla	Fin. Jr.	24	-	-	-	1447	70	0	2.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1999-00	HIFK Helsinki	Fin. Jr.	24	11	7	1	1347	70	1	3.12	2	0	2	119	7	0	3.53	-
	HIFK Helsinki	Fin. Jr.	11	-	-	-	658	22	-	2.01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Finland	WJC-A	4	-	-	-	172	8	-	2.78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2000-01	HIFK Helsinki	Fin.	37	18	13	4	2101	97	2	2.77	5	2	3	395	9	1	1.37	-
	Finland	WJC-A	6	5	1	0	358	8	1	1.34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2001-02	Albany	AHL	36	6	22	6	2106	106	0	3.02	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2002-03	Albany	AHL	38	13	20	3	2171	110	1	3.04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2003-04	Albany	AHL	50	13	30	6	3012	150	2	2.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**BOBBY ALLEN****DEFENSEMAN**

Born, Braintree, MA, November 14, 1978; Shoots left. 6'1", 205 lbs.; Boston's 2nd choice, 52nd overall, in 1998 Entry Draft.

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	REGULAR SEASON					S	GP	G	PLAYOFFS			PIM
							+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	GT			A	PTS		
1996-97	Cushing Academy	MA	36	11	33	44	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1997-98	Boston College	HE	40	7	21	28	-	49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1998-99	Boston College	HE	43	9	23	32	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1999-00	Boston College	HE	42	4	23	27	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2000-01	Boston College	HE	42	5	18	23	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2001-02	Providence	AHL	49	5	10	15	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hamilton	AHL	10	1	6	7	-	0	-	-	-	-	14	0	3	3	6	-
2002-03	Edmonton	NHL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hamilton	AHL	56	1	12	13	-	24	-	-	-	-	23	0	5	5	10	-
2003-04	Toronto	AHL	56	5	10	15	-	18	-	-	-	-	3	0	2	2	4	-
	<b>NHL TOTALS</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Hockey East Second All-Star Team (2000) ∃ NCAA East First All-American Team (2001) ∃ Hockey East First All-Star Team (2001)

Traded to Edmonton by Boston for Sean Brown, March 19, 2002. Signed as a free agent by DEVILS, July 22, 2004.

**SCOTT CLEMMENSEN****GOALTENDER**

Born, Des Moines, IA, July 23, 1977; Catches left. 6'3", 205 lbs.; New Jersey's 7th choice, 215th overall, in 1997 Entry Draft.

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	W	REGULAR SEASON					SO	AVG	GP	W	L	PLAYOFFS			
					L	T	MINS	GA							MINS	GA	SO	AVG
1995-96	Des Moines	USHL	20	10	7	1	1082	62	0	3.44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1996-97	Des Moines	USHL	36	22	9	2	2042	111	1	3.26	4	1	2	200	9	1	2.70	-
1997-98	Boston College	HE	37	24	9	4	2205	102	*4	2.78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1998-99	Boston College	HE*	42	26	12	4	*2507	120	1	2.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1999-00	Boston College	HE	29	19	7	0	1610	59	*5	2.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2000-01	Boston College	HE*	39	*30	7	2	*2312	82	3	2.13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2001-02	DEVILS	NHL	2	0	0	0	20	1	0	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Albany	AHL	29	5	19	4	1677	92	0	3.29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2002-03	Albany	AHL	47	12	24	8	2694	119	1	2.65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2003-04	Albany	AHL	22	5	12	4	1309	67	0	3.07	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	DEVILS	NHL	4	3	1	0	238	4	2	1.01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>DEVILS TOTALS</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>NHL TOTALS</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

NCAA Championship All-Tournament Team (2001)

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### BRETT CLOUTHIER

LEFT WING

Born, Ottawa, Ont., June 9, 1981; Shoots left. 6'5", 225 lbs.; New Jersey's 3rd choice, 50th overall, in 1999 Entry Draft.

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	REGULAR SEASON							S	GP	PLAYOFFS			
						PTS	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	GT			G	A	PTS	PIM
1997-98	Kanata Vall.	OCJHL	50	12	10	22	-	135	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1998-99	Kingston	OHL	64	18	14	22	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	1	2	4
1999-00	Kingston	OHL	65	13	26	29	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	0	2	17
2000-01	Kingston	OHL	68	28	29	57	-	166	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	0	1	10
2001-02	Albany	AHL	62	4	0	4	-	109	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2002-03	Albany	AHL	74	6	7	13	-	220	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2003-04	Albany	AHL	39	1	0	1	-	122	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Cincinnati	ECHL	12	3	3	6	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

\*Led League

### RYAN MURPHY

LEFT WING

Born, Van Nuys, CA, March 21, 1979; Shoots left. 6'1", 210 lbs.; Carolina's 4th choice, 113th overall, in 1999 Entry Draft.

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	REGULAR SEASON							S	GP	PLAYOFFS			
						PTS	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	GT			G	A	PTS	PIM
1996-97	Thornhill	MTJHL	41	22	32	54	-	36	-	-	-	-	-	12	7	8	15	-
1997-98	Bowling Green	CCHA	36	3	9	12	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1998-99	Bowling Green	CCHA	34	10	23	33	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1999-00	Bowling Green	CCHA	36	9	10	19	-	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2000-01	Bowling Green	CCHA	38	23	15	38	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2001-02	Florida	ECHL	66	13	18	31	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	2	3	4
2002-03	Florida	ECHL	58	28	17	45	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	0	0
	Lowell	AHL	12	1	2	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2003-04	Albany	AHL	71	10	9	19	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Signed as a free agent by DEVILS, July 30, 2003.

### PASCAL RHEAUME

CENTER

Born, Quebec City, Que., June 21, 1973; Shoots left. 6'1", 220 lbs.

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	REGULAR SEASON							S	GP	PLAYOFFS			
						PTS	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	GT			G	A	PTS	PIM
1990-91	Ste-Foy	QAAA	37	20	38	58	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	1	8	6
1991-92	Trois-Riv.	QMJHL	65	17	20	37	-	84	-	-	-	-	-	14	5	4	9	23
1992-93	Sherbrooke	QMJHL	65	28	34	62	-	88	-	-	-	-	-	14	6	5	11	31
1993-94	Albany	AHL	55	17	18	35	-	43	-	-	-	-	-	5	0	1	1	0
1994-95	Albany	AHL	78	19	25	44	-	46	-	-	-	-	-	14	3	6	9	19
1995-96	Albany	AHL	68	26	42	68	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	2	3	2
1996-97	DEVILS	NHL	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	-	-	-	-	-
	Albany	AHL	51	22	23	45	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	16	2	8	10	16
1997-98	St. Louis	NHL	48	6	9	15	4	35	1	0	0	0	45	10	1	3	4	8
1998-99	St. Louis	NHL	60	9	18	27	10	24	2	0	0	0	85	5	1	0	1	4
1999-00	St. Louis	NHL	7	1	1	2	2	6	0	0	0	0	5	-	-	-	-	-
	Worcester	AHL	7	1	1	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2000-01	St. Louis	NHL	8	2	0	2	1	5	2	0	0	0	16	3	0	1	1	0
	Worcester	AHL	56	23	35	58	-	63	-	-	-	-	-	11	2	4	6	2
2001-02	Chicago	NHL	19	0	2	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	19	-	-	-	-	-
	Atlanta	NHL	42	11	9	20	3	25	6	0	2	0	61	-	-	-	-	-
2002-03	Atlanta	NHL	56	4	9	13	8	24	0	2	1	0	70	-	-	-	-	-
	DEVILS	NHL	21	4	1	5	3	8	0	1	1	0	23	24	1	2	3	13
2003-04	NY Rangers	NHL	17	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	15	-	-	-	-	-
	Hartford	AHL	3	1	0	1	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	St. Louis	NHL	25	1	3	4	3	4	0	0	0	0	23	3	0	0	0	2
	DEVILS TOTALS		23	5	1	6	4	8	0	1	1	0	28	24	1	2	3	13
	NHL TOTALS		305	39	52	91	3	140	11	3	4	0	367	45	3	6	9	27

Signed as a free agent by DEVILS, October 1, 1992. Claimed by St. Louis from DEVILS in NHL Waiver Draft, September 28, 1997. Signed as a free agent by Chicago, July 31, 2001. Claimed by Atlanta off waivers from Chicago, November 14, 2001. Traded to DEVILS by Atlanta for a conditional choice in the 2004 Entry Draft (later transferred to DEVILS), February 24, 2003. Signed as a free agent by NY Rangers, October 22, 2003. Claimed by St. Louis off waivers from NY Rangers, January 29, 2004. Signed as a free agent by DEVILS, July 22, 2004.

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### RAY SCHULTZ

DEFENSEMAN

Born, Red Deer, Alberta, November 14, 1976; Shoots left. 6'2", 215 lbs.; Ottawa's 8th choice, 184th overall, in 1995 Entry Draft.

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	REGULAR SEASON							S	GP	G	PLAYOFFS			PIM
							+/ -	PIM	PP	SH	GW	GT					A	PTS		
1993-94	Edmonton SSAC	AMHL	31	3	24	27	-	94	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Tri-City	WHL	3	0	0	0	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1994-95	Tri-City	WHL	63	1	8	9	-	209	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	0	0	0	16	-
1995-96	Calgary	WHL	66	3	17	20	-	282	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1996-97	Calgary	WHL	32	3	17	20	-	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Kelowna	WHL	23	3	11	14	-	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	0	2	2	12	-
1997-98	NY Islanders	NHL	13	0	1	1	3	45	0	0	0	0	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Kentucky	AHL	51	2	4	6	-	179	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	0	25	-
1998-99	NY Islanders	NHL	4	0	0	0	2-	7	0	0	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Lowell	AHL	54	0	3	3	-	184	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	0	4	-
1999-00	NY Islanders	NHL	9	0	1	1	1	30	0	0	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Kansas City	IHL	65	5	5	10	-	208	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2000-01	NY Islanders	NHL	13	0	2	2	1-	40	0	0	0	0	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Lowell	AHL	13	0	1	1	-	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Cleveland	IHL	44	3	5	8	-	127	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	0	1	16	-
2001-02	NY Islanders	NHL	2	0	0	0	1-	5	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	0	0	0	2	-
	Bridgeport	AHL	69	0	15	15	-	205	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	1	3	4	18	-
2002-03	NY Islanders	NHL	4	0	0	0	1-	28	0	0	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Bridgeport	AHL	51	2	8	10	-	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	1	0	1	14	-
2003-04	Milwaukee	AHL	73	2	10	12	-	153	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	1	2	3	31	-
	<b>NHL TOTALS</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1-</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	

Signed as a free agent by NY Islanders, June 9, 1997. Signed as a free agent by Nashville, July 17, 2003.  
Signed as a free agent by DEVILS, July 6, 2004.

## STEVEN SPENCER

## DEFENSEMAN

Born, Regina, Sask., June 16, 1982; Shoots left. 6'3", 220 lbs.; Nashville's 8th choice, 266th overall, in 2002 Entry Draft.

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	PTS	REGULAR SEASON							S	GP	G	PLAYOFFS			PIM
							+/ -	PIM	PP	SH	GW	GT					A	PTS		
2000-01	La Ronge	SJHL	48	3	6	9	-	176	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2001-02	Swift Current	WHL	65	1	4	5	-	226	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	0	0	0	36	-
2002-03	Swift Current	WHL	72	2	2	4	-	187	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	0	0	0	17	-
2003-04	S. Carolina	ECHL	35	0	5	5	-	119	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	0	0	0	13	-

Signed as a free agent by DEVILS, July 27, 2004.

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