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DEVILS RE-SIGN DEFENSEMAN VIKTOR LOOV

Signs One-Year, Two-Way Contract

Newark, NJ - The New Jersey Devils today re-signed defenseman Viktor Loov (pronounced "LUHV") to a one-year, two-way contract worth \$650,000 at the NHL level. The announcement was made by Devils' Executive Vice President/General Manager Ray Shero.

Loov, 24, spent the 2016-17 season in the American Hockey League between the Albany Devils and Toronto Marlies. He was acquired by New Jersey from the Toronto Maple Leafs in exchange for forward Sergey Kalinin on February 18, 2017. The blueliner played in 10 regular-season games with Albany and in three Calder Cup Playoff matches before the A-Devils were eliminated in the first round by the Toronto Marlies in four games. He played in 41 games with the Maple Leafs' AHL affiliate before being traded to New Jersey, scoring two goals and four assists for six points and 43 penalty minutes. Through 180 career AHL contests, the 6-2, 210lb. rearguard has posted 11 goals, 31 assists, 42 points and 133 penalty minutes, while accumulating a + 24 rating.

Loov registered his first NHL point, an assist, in his NHL debut on February 18, 2016 vs. the NY Rangers. He has skated in four games at the NHL level during his professional career. In 2014-15, he led all Marlies' defensemen with 74 games played and 15 assists, while ranking second on the club with six goals and 21 points. Prior to his North American career, the Swedish defenseman skated for MODO Hockey of the Swedish Hockey League in 2013-14. He also spent five seasons, 2008-13, with Sodertalje SK, playing at various levels. Loov was born on November 16, 1992 in Sodertalje, Swe. and was Toronto's sixth choice (7th round), 209th overall, in the 2012 NHL Draft.

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