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DEVILS SIGN FORWARD JOSEPH BLANDISI TO A TWO-YEAR, TWO-WAY CONTRACT

Newark, NJ - The New Jersey Devils today signed forward Joseph Blandisi to a two-year, two-way contract worth \$680,000 at the NHL level. The contract breakdown is as follows: 2017-18, \$660,000 & 2018-19, \$700,000 at the NHL level. The announcement was made by Devils' Executive Vice President/General Manager Ray Shero.

Blandisi, 23, completed his second season with the Devils' organization. The forward split time between New Jersey and Albany (AHL), dressing in 27 games with the Devils and in 31 games with their AHL affiliate, Albany Devils. He finished the 2016-17 NHL campaign with three goals and six assists for nine points to go along with 26 penalty minutes. With Albany, he notched eight markers and 17 assists for 25 points with 60 penalty minutes. The 6-0, 200lb., forward scored his first career NHL overtime goal on Mar. 21 vs. the NY Rangers and tallied an assist on John Quenneville's first career NHL goal during that same game. He had a career high four-game, point-streak from Mar. 9-17, scoring one goal and three assists. In addition, Blandisi was named to the 2017 AHL All-Star Classic, but did not participate because of illness.

The Markham, Ont., native signed with New Jersey as a free agent on January 14, 2015 after spending four seasons, 2011-15, in the Ontario Hockey League playing for Owen Sound, Ottawa and Barrie. In 2014-15, he was named the OHL's Overage Player of the Year (Leo Lalonde Trophy) and to the OHL Third All-Star Team after leading the league with 52 goals (112 points). Born July 18, 1994, Blandisi was Colorado's fourth choice (6th round), 162nd overall, in the 2012 NHL Draft.

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