

# NJ Devils Youth Hockey Club Press Release



## **Palmieri selected by Anaheim Ducks in First Round!!**

*Friday, June 26, 2009* - At the NHL Entry draft last night the Anaheim Ducks made Kyle Palmieri's dream come true. The Ducks selected Palmieri as the 26th pick overall in this year's draft. The top pick from the USA Hockey NTDP, and only one of a select few of Americans to be selected in the first round.

Palmieri's family, including his brother Devon who plays with the NJ Devils Bantam AAA Major team, were in attendance in Montreal, Canada to watch as the players were selected one by one waiting to hear Kyle's name over the loudspeaker.

This makes two former NJ Devils Youth players rights owned by the Anaheim Ducks, George Parros being the other Alumni. Parros played for the NJ Devils Youth Junior team in 1996-1997 before going to play for the Chicago Freeze, and then on to Princeton University before joining the Ducks.

Everyone at the NJ Devils is very proud of Kyle, and wish him & his family HUGE congratulations!

## Two former NJ Devils Youth Players selected in overall NHL Draft

*Montreal, Canada* - In addition to Kyle Palmieri being selected at the 2009 NHL Entry Draft, the NJ Devils had two other former players selected during the draft on Saturday, June 27, 2009.



Alex Velischek

Alex Velischek was selected by the Stanley Cup Champions the Pittsburgh Penguins at #123. Alex played for Coach John DiNorscia on the NJ Devils for the Bantam AAA Major & Minor years, and also for Coach Chad his Midget Minor year. Alex was a vital member of Delbarton, where he graduated from this year.



David Kolomatis

Also selected at NHL Entry Draft by the LA Kings at the 126th spot this year was NJ Devils Alumni David Kolomatis. David came through the ranks of the NJ Devils, beginning his career at 5 years old in the Primary Program & Atom League. David played for Coach Adam Diglio, his younger brother Dan also began his hockey career with the NJ Devils. David went on to play for the USA Hockey NDTP before being drafted by the Owen Sound Attack in the OHL (Canadian Major Junior) where he has been playing the last three years.

The NJ Devils Youth are excited and proud of their accomplishments & wish good luck to them both in their hockey careers!

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