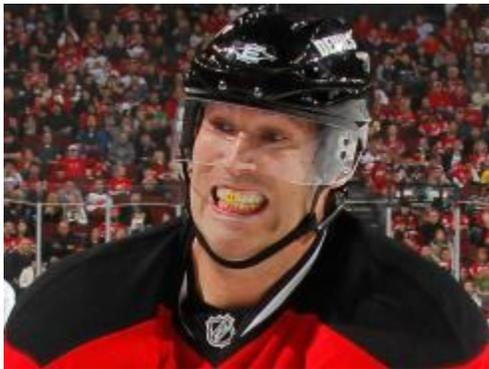




Brian Rolston traded to Islanders for Trent Hunter

The [New Jersey Devils](#), in negotiations with [Zach Parise](#) for a long-term deal, cleared up some salary cap room by trading [Brian Rolston](#) to the [New York Islanders](#) for Trent Hunter.



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The Devils give up offensive ability in the deal, but save more than \$3 million in salary cap space. Rolston's cap hit was \$5.062 million, while Hunter's cap hit is \$2 million for this season and next. The Islanders, still needing to add players to get the floor of salary cap of \$48.3 million, bring in a player who was a 31-goal scorer in 2007-08. They also get a conditional draft pick in 2012.

Parise's salary arbitration hearing is

scheduled for Wednesday in Toronto.

Rolston, 38, scored 14 goals last season, but most of those came in the second half of the season after the Devils changed coaches.

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"I still think Brian has gas in the tank," said his agent, [Steve Bartlett](#). "I don't think the dark cloud was just following Brian Rolston at the start of last season. The Devils had one of their worst starts in franchise history. ... I know he's excited about going to the Islanders."

The Islanders had actually offered more money to Rolston in 2008 before he signed as an unrestricted free agent with the Devils.

"(General manager) [Garth Snow](#) never lets me forget that," Bartlett said. "He has always liked Brian."

Bartlett said Rolston's friendship with Islanders ambassador [Doug Weight](#) also make this deal desirable for Rolston.

"I think he told Brian, 'We're going to be a

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good team, come join us,' " Bartlett said.

Hunter is 6-3, 210 and has been a solid performer for the Islanders for nine seasons. He scored 25 goals in his best season when he was a rookie in 2003-04.

Last season, he was held to 17 games when he injured his knee on Nov. 24 and required season-ending surgery.

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