

OPP Enforcement Blitz Results

From the OPP News Portal ...

In a truck safety blitz held between December 11 + 15, the OPP stopped 3,500 “commercial vehicles” and laid 1,836 charges and took 71 unsafe Commercial Motor Vehicles *out of service*.

Of the total charges, the results showed:

- 233 for Distracted Driving
- 336 for Speeding
- 111 for Following Too Close
- 85 charges were laid for other moving violations (mostly for defective equipment).
- 537 for improper documentation

Also, when commercial vehicle drivers were not drawing the OPP’s attention, officers spotted a number of passenger vehicles whose drivers were charged with various violations such as distracted driving and speeding.

Don’t use your cell phone when driving.

Pay attention to the road and driving conditions. It could cost your life or the life of others ... including loved ones in your vehicle.

Knights: Are on the Mend

Photo and Report by Jim O’Shea



This fall, I have attended several North Kawartha Junior C games. After the home opener, I wrote in an Apsley Voice report that this year’s Junior C Knights were energetic and very dangerous when around the opposition net. The shots on goal were lopsided enabling the Knights to gain a well-deserved victory. After observing such excellent play, however, the playing dynamic changed as injuries and other player difficulties reduced the roster by about eight players. As a result, the team struggled to win games and fell to fifth place in the standings - not out of the playoffs, but getting close.

However, on December 16th, I believe I witnessed a turn-around in a game against Georgina. Both teams were well-matched with a final score of 8 to 7 for the Knights. Why was it a possible transformative game? As the score shifted throughout periods 1 and 2, and with Georgina finally gaining a 3-goal lead going into period 3, our team never gave up. The Knights arrived from their dressing room refreshed and proceeded to tie the game in the final minutes of play. Victory followed quickly in a sudden death 3 on 3 overtime period.

On December 23rd, the Knights were re-energized and fully rostered for a game against Uxbridge, one of the league’s top teams. The newly energized Knights were quick, hard hitting, on target when passing, and extremely effective around the opposition’s net. Most of the goals in the Knight’s 7 to 2 win resulted from crisp passes to players who were a few metres from the goalie who then made quick redirections into the net.

The next home game is Friday, January 5th at 7:15 pm. Come out and enjoy our own *Hometown Junior C Hockey!*

Below: #3 Zack Pearson (on the left) scores the game-winning, overtime goal in the December 16th game vs. the Georgina Ice at the NKCC. #15 Trent Schutt got the assist.

