

## Varga, Tooke ready to join college hockey rosters

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Chalk up another pair of  
ex-Tigers for the college hockey circuits.

Both forward Jack Varga and  
defenseman Noah Tooke committed to play collegiate hockey in North America next  
season, with Varga heading to the NCAA to join the Northland College  
Lumberjacks, while Tooke will join the U Sports' Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks.

The two new additions bring  
the Tigers' 2019 season commitment totals to the second highest number for the  
organization since 2015, which includes 2017-18 players Chris Giroday, Anthony  
Romano, and Kyle Bollers, as well as Joseph Mizzi, who recently joined the Utah  
Grizzlies of the ECHL.

One of the smaller players on  
the ice throughout the OJHL season, Varga proved his worth with his tenacity  
and fearlessness.

?Congratulations Jack,? the  
Tigers tweeted. ?(You're) one of the best character players in the history of  
our organization, you have the heart of a champion.?

After three years with the  
Stouffville Spirit, Varga enjoyed a successful stint with the Tigers this past  
season in posting thirteen goals and sixteen assists in 47 games. The Sharon,  
ON native is a product of the York-Simcoe Express system, and will join the  
NCAA DIHI program in Wisconsin.

Tooke, who served as a reserve  
in his one season with the Tigers in 2018-19, joins fellow ex-Tigers James  
Thomson and Steven MacLean, who just announced his commitment for his freshman  
season last week.