

Ratay slings Vikings to easy win over Foxes

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GENEVA — On the strength of four second-quarter touchdowns and 42 unanswered points, Geneva coasted to a 48-19 win over Yorkville on Friday night.

The Vikings improved to 1-1 in the Suburban Prairie North conference, and 3-3 overall.

Quarterback Shaun Ratay had a big game, completing 14 of 20 passes for 256 yards and three touchdowns. Two of the passes were a 40-yard touchdown completion to Mike Isaacson in the end zone and a 47-yard touchdown pass to Matt Skaar.

"(Ratay) has been taking a beating and he threw some stuff up," Geneva coach Rob Wicinski said. "We thought we could do some things up top and we needed some confidence throwing the ball going into these last games."

Vikings tailback Nick Herrera also had a huge night, scoring three touchdowns, including returning the opening kickoff 86 yards for the game's first score. He rushed for two more in a second quarter that was all Geneva.

"He's been real close all year, and we've been missing a block or missing a cut," Wicinski said. "It was good to see him break out."

After the Foxes responded to Herrera's opening salvo with a 55-yard touchdown completion from quarterback Benjamin Stillmunkes to wide receiver Andrew Hardecopf, Geneva rattled off six straight touchdowns.

The Vikings went 63 yards in five plays for the first one. The final 39 yards was a reverse to wideout Skaar with 2:54 to go in the first quarter.

Following a Yorkville punt, Ratay drove the Vikings 63 yards in 10 plays to score their first second-quarter touchdown.

Ratay was five-of-six on the drive, including an 8-yard pass to Tim Broy for the TD. Key plays on the drive included pass completions of 21 yards to Broy and 28 yards to Skaar.

"My receivers are awesome," Ratay said. "As long as I put it in the vicinity, within 5 yards or so, I know they are going to come down with it."

Yorkville fumbled the ensuing kickoff over to the Vikings, which was followed by the teams trading interceptions to give the ball back to Geneva. Four plays later, Herrera ran the final 12 yards up the middle to put the Vikings up 27-6.

A three-and-out put the ball back in the Vikings' hands. Herrera carried the ball five times during a nine-play drive. The touchdown was a 15-yard run by the senior tailback. Herrera carried the ball 13 times for 83 yards in the game.

Geneva got the ball back on their own 12 with 1:24 to play in the half. Three big plays later, the Viking had their fifth straight unanswered touchdown.

In just 31 seconds, Herrera ran the first 25 around the right side and Ratay threw to Skaar for 23 more before Isaacson hauled in the 40-yard touchdown pass to put Geneva up 41-6 at halftime.

"That was an awesome dive and catch in the end zone," Ratay said. "They were expecting us to run a lot more, and they

stopped the run early, but once we opened up the passing game, they didn't know what we were going to do."

The sixth straight score came with 5:01 to play in the third quarter. The Vikings had a first-and-10 on the Foxes' 47-yard line following a Yorkville punt. Ratay threw to Skaar on the left side for the long touchdown.