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Geneva, Ratay stay a step ahead to send Hubbard packing

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Geneva quarterback Michael Ratay made several big-time plays in leading the Vikings past visiting Hubbard 21-13 on Saturday.

Geneva (10-1) struck first as Ratay eluded the Hubbard rush and threw a three-yard touchdown pass to fullback Pat Schiller in the first quarter. The visiting Greyhounds (9-2) responded first with a 10-yard touchdown run by Robert Hughes and then with a 25-yard option pass from Hughes to Darius Purcell for a 13-7 halftime lead.

But the fourth quarter belonged to the Vikings, as Ratay again escaped the grasp of the Hubbard rush and connected with Michael Mayszak for a 24-yard touchdown.

Geneva took advantage of Hubbard's decision to go for a fourth-and-three from the Greyhounds' 15 with 6:20 remaining. Hughes came up a yard short, and two plays later Ratay beat the Hubbard defense again on a broken play and scrambled for a 12-yard touchdown with 5:24 left, making the score 21-13.

Hubbard saw its last hope taken away on a controversial play when Geneva tried a hook-and-ladder that appeared to be a fumble, a recovery and a touchdown for Hubbard. But the referees huddled and ruled the Geneva runner down, securing the Vikings' victory.

"They were the most athletic team we faced all year," Ratay said.

Said Hubbard coach Elton Harris: "[The fourth-down attempt] was a gamble that failed. But I was more ticked off about the fumble recovery that was ruled not a fumble. Other than that, we just got beat."

OSWEGO 56, PRAIRIE RIDGE 42: Oswego quarterback Chris Schulz rushed 12 times for a career-high 196 yards and five touchdowns and threw for another touchdown as the host Panthers (10-1) held off Prairie Ridge (8-3). The game had a combined 849 yards of total offense.

Schulz scored on runs of one, 66, 17, 30 and 62 yards, with his last three touchdowns coming on consecutive carries in the second half. He also threw a six-yard touchdown pass to Sean Dietz (14 carries, 131 yards).

"It's probably the best game I've ever had," Schulz said.

Oswego built a 28-0 lead, as two bad punt snaps by Prairie Ridge were turned into scoring drives of one and nine yards. Matt Casula scored on runs of one and 14 yards.

Matt Le Cren

THORNTRIDGE 34, BLOOMINGTON 28: Jonas Truitt scored three touchdowns in the second half, including the game-winner with 39.5 seconds to play as Thornridge (9-2) defeated host Bloomington (9-2) on Saturday.

The Falcons trailed 28-26 before Truitt plowed in from three yards for the winning score. It was set up when Thornridge quarterback Kory Williams found Adum Gross with a 12-yard pass to the 3 on a fourth-and-10 play.

Randy Whalen