

Danbury's Hruby escapes spinal injury

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DANBURY TOWNSHIP -- A Danbury High School football player was taken from the football field by helicopter to St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo Friday after suffering a back injury during the game against Cardinal Stritch.

Senior Dakota Hruby fractured three vertebrae, Danbury Coach Tim Heffernan said, but it appears that there was no paralysis or damage to the spinal cord.

"He is obviously done for the year," Heffernan said Saturday morning. "They are checking on surgery right now as a possible option. As of now, there is no spinal observation that we know of, but they are keeping him at the hospital for observation."

Danbury Athletic Director Drew Davie said Hruby had lowered his shoulder and head to tackle an opposing player during the game and the other player's body struck Hruby's head.

Hruby was taken to the hospital by helicopter, Davie said, as a precaution because he was experiencing some numbness in his lower body.

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