

Byrne, Kerperian Capture Class D Individual Titles

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MOUNT PLEASANT — The Navy Department may be getting Genesee's Jim Byrne 100 years too late.

Byrne, a 225-pound, 6-3 senior, could have sunk a few of the old wooden ships all on his own. That is once they got within 50 feet.

But Byrne, who plans to enlist in the Navy after graduation, wasn't throwing cannonballs Saturday at the state Class C-D track meet.

ALTHOUGH FAR below his best put of 54-10½ Byrne successfully defended his state meet title with a 50-9 toss to become one of two Flint champions.

Genesee made the best team effort with 18½ points for 10th place in the Class D division to edge St. Matthew, Michigan School for the Deaf and Holy Rosary in a close grouping that failed to challenge champion Unionville.

Unionville scored in 10 events and ran away with the title with 43 points to a runnerup tie between Menton and Pentwater with 29 points each. Lake City and Lawton tied with 28 points.

ST. MATTHEW'S Jerry Kerperian got eight of his team's 15 points, good for 11th place, ahead of MSD with 12, Holy Rosary 9½.

Kerperian won the long jump with a 20-8 effort in a meet that tied or broke five records.

St. Agnes was the top Class C



Jerry Kerperian
Longest Jump in D

finisher with nine points and 17th place behind champion DeWitt.

Middleville's Gary VanElste had spectators buzzing with a shot put toss which overshadowed Byrne's effort.

VAN ELSTE, a three-time football all-stater and a member of the all-American prep team, got off a tremendous heave. His 63-7 put shattered his record of 60-5¾ he set last year. The mark also beat the previous Class A and B records.

"I was hoping for a 65-footer," he said.

That optimism was justified on the basis of a 64-10¾ victory in the regionals.

Team wise, Flint area teams didn't fare well although there were good individual and relay efforts. Holy Rosary's Tim Dubbs placed third in the high hurdles and MSD's freshman Ed Robnson was fourth in the 100 and eighth in the 220.

St. Matthew's Brian MacDonald was denied a chance to

repeat as 880 champion when another runner forced him off the track.

The offender's disqualification couldn't help MacDonald who was tied for second at that point.

LAKE FENTON'S speedy Mark Lawrence earned his school's seven points with a third in the 220 and eight in the 100.

The St. Agnes quartet of Dan Kushuba, Tom Waggoner, Bill Abdella and Dom Stornello made the best Class C relay showing with a third in the 880.

In Class D, St. Matthew placed fourth in the 880 relay with Joe Grades, Mike Manyak, Mike Kilian and Kerperian. MSD was fifth, Genesee sixth and Holy Rosary eighth.

MSD's chances were hurt when Tim Hudkins pulled a muscle in the preliminaries.

Class D

Pole vault—1, Doug Miller, Lake City, 11 feet 11¼ inches. 2, Erwin Green, Litchfield, 11-4. 3, (tie, Don Mortenson, Vestaburg and Dennis Colon, Unionville, 11-8. (Placing decided on fewest misses.)

High jump—1, Roger Connolly, Brethren, 5-1. 2, John Weurding, Lawton, 5-10. 3, Jim Van Middleworth, Climax-Scott, 5-10. (Placing decided on fewest misses.)

Two-mile run—1, Nick Wilburn, Lawton, 11:05.1, state record; old record 10:11.15, Wilburn, 1967. 2, Ray Androl, Unionville, 10:13.7. 3, Keesee, Howell, 10:16.0.

880-yard relay—1, Unionville (Art Alegria, Terry Houthoof, Jim Weber, Steve Sattler) 1:34.9. 2, Covert, 1:35.1. 3, Deerfield, 1:36.1.

120-yard high hurdles—1, Bob Graham, Pentwater, 1:53. 2, ties record, John Frantz, 1:53. 3, Dennis Hicks, Escorse Xavier, 1:55. 4, Porterville, 1:54. 5, Tim Dubbs, Flint Holy Rosary, 1:55.6.

Long jump—1, Jerry Kerperian, Flint St. Matthew, 20 feet 8½ inches. 2, Roy Jeffries, Covert, 20-4. 3, Don Appa, Alanson, 20-3.

Shot put—1, Jim Byrne, Genesee, 50 feet 9½ inches. 2, Bob Campeau, Saginaw St. Andrew, 47-6½. 3, John Bray, Vestaburg, 45-7.

100-yard dash—1, Tom Atwater, Lawton, 4:34.1. 2, Ken Peng, Portland, 4:45.4. 3, Dennis Hicks, Escorse Xavier, 4:45.8.

200-yard dash—1, Doyle Carpenter, Burr Oak, 10:3. 2, Roger Connolly, Brethren, 10:4. 3, Steve Sattler, Unionville, 10:4. 4, Chuck Holubick, Deerfield, 11:2. 5, state record; old record 51:3, Jack Larson, St. Joseph Catholic, 1965.

220-yard dash—1, Roger Connolly, Brethren, 2:27. 2, Larry Neukasiu, Gullen, 2:30. 3, Steve Sattler, Unionville, 2:31. 4, Mount Morris St. Mary, 2:32. 5, Porterville, 2:32.6. 6, Bob Graham, Pentwater, 2:32.9. 7, Brent Belasick, Ann Arbor University, 2:32.9.

880-yard relay—1, Bob Leg, Lake City, 2:02.1. 2, Bill Engler, Harbor Springs, 2:03.4. 3, Dave Spencer, Lawrence, 2:04.1. 4, Mile Relay—1, Mcdon, Harold Jones, Bob Jones, Dick Robbers and Jim Binghamen, 3:37.1. 2, Litchfield, 3:37.3. 3, Lake City, 3:38.7.

Team scoring—Unionville 43, Mendon 29, Pentwater 29, Lake City 28, Lawton 28, Whitmore Lake 24, Brethren 23, Covert 22, Escorse St. Francis Xavier 19½, Portland St. Patrick 19½, Flint St. Matthew 19, Genesee 18½, Litchfield 17, Deerfield 16, Porterville 15, Michigan School for the Deaf 12, Burr Oak 12, Vestaburg 11, Gullen 10, Holy Rosary 9½, Ann Arbor University High 9, Climax-Scott 8, Essexville St. John 8, Harbor Springs 8, Tekonka, 8, Mount Morris St. Mary 7½, Ruth St. Peter and Paul 7½, Saginaw St. Andrew 7, Lawrence 7, Bay City St. Joseph 7, Alanson 6, Owosso St. Paul 5, Marston Center 3, Porterville 3, Mason County Eastern 3, Walverine 2, Freesail 2, Schoolcraft 1, Kingston 1, Hale 1.

Class C

Pole vault—1, Jim Olds, Hartford, 12 feet 11½ inches. (state record; old record 12-9, Roland Carter, Carson City, 1964). 2, Randy Van Sickle, Fulton-Middleton, 12-6. 3, Dave Cooper, Freeland, 12-2.

220-yard dash—1, Jim Holmes, Lansing Boys Training School, 2:22. 2, Fred Mazur, DeWitt, 2:27. 3, Mark Lawrence, Lake Fenton, 2:28.5.

180-yard low hurdles—1, Bill White, Shepherd, 2:05. 2, Ken Burger, Reading, 2:10.5. 3, Warren Baird, Bath, 2:10.5.

100-yard relay—1, Akron Fairgrove, Mike Kruchkow, Tom Spencer, Dave Arnold, Charles Brink, 3:31.8. 2, Alpena Catholic Central, 3:32.5. 3, DeWitt, 3:38.

Long jump—1, Mike Clark, New Haven, 22 feet 6¼ inches, ties record set by Doug Smith, Traverse City St. Francis, 1967. 2, (tie), Al Currey, Almont; Gary Yaw, Saranac, 21-4.

Shot put—1, Gary Van Elst, Middleville, 63 feet 7 inches, state record; old record 60-4, Van Elst, 1967. 2, Rolf Reichenback, Akron-Fairgrove, 53-6. 3, Bill Newkirk, Mason County Central, 50-7. 4, Hartford 14½, North Muskegon 14½, Almont 12, Kalkaska 12, Galsburg 11, St. Agnes 9, Hernack 9, Bay City St. Stanislaus 8½, Comstock 8, Elk Rapids, 8, Mayville 8, Middleville 8, Ravenna 8, Saranac 8, Lake Fenton 7, Mamcelona 7, Fulton-Middleton 7, Bath 6, Flint St. Michael 6, Michigan Lutheran Seminary 6, Springport 6, Athens 5, Ann Arbor St. Thomas 5, St. Charles 5, White Cloud 5, Battle Creek St. Phillip 4, Dansville 4, Farwell 4, Frankfort 4, Yale 4, Benzie Central 3, Boyne 3, Wayne St. Mary 3, Newwaygo 2½, Novi 2½, Whittemore Prescott 2½, Clinton 2, Detroit St. Rita 2, Pewamo-Westphalia 2, Traverse City St. Francis 2, Olivet 1, Williamston 1, Whitford ½.

100-yard dash—1, Jim Holmes, Lansing Boys Training School, 1:03.1. 2, Mike Clark, New Haven, 1:03.3. 3, Larry Place, Marcella, 1:04.

440-yard run—1, Ralph Stepaniak, Alpena Catholic Central, 50.5. 2, Mike Kruchkow, Akron Fairgrove, 51.3. 3, Ed Fosnight, DeWitt, 51.9.

880-yard relay—1, Charles Brink, Akron Fairgrove, 2:01.2. 2, Terry Buzye, Mamcelona 2:01.4. 3, Don Rantenberg, Ufita St. Lawrence, 2:02.2.

880-yard relay—1, Detroit Country Day; Andy Dilzhazy, John Means, Tom Shriner, and Jeff Wilson, 1:33.9. 2, DeWitt, 1:34.2. 3, Flint St. Agnes, 1:34.25.

Team scoring—DeWitt 41, Akron Fairgrove 32, New Haven 30, Detroit Country Day 29, Lansing Boys Training 21, Reading 21, Shepherd 20½, Orchard Lake St. Mary 20, Alpena Catholic Central 17, Moranci 15, Hartford 14½, North Muskegon 14½, Almont 12, Kalkaska 12, Galsburg 11, St. Agnes 9, Hernack 9, Bay City St. Stanislaus 8½, Comstock 8, Elk Rapids, 8, Mayville 8, Middleville 8, Ravenna 8, Saranac 8, Lake Fenton 7, Mamcelona 7, Fulton-Middleton 7, Bath 6, Flint St. Michael 6, Michigan Lutheran Seminary 6, Springport 6, Athens 5, Ann Arbor St. Thomas 5, St. Charles 5, White Cloud 5, Battle Creek St. Phillip 4, Dansville 4, Farwell 4, Frankfort 4, Yale 4, Benzie Central 3, Boyne 3, Wayne St. Mary 3, Newwaygo 2½, Novi 2½, Whittemore Prescott 2½, Clinton 2, Detroit St. Rita 2, Pewamo-Westphalia 2, Traverse City St. Francis 2, Olivet 1, Williamston 1, Whitford ½.

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