

**MORRIS CATHOLIC WINS TITLE**

# Byrne beats Hallinan

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Kevin Byrne of Paramus Catholic ran away from Chris Hallinan of Bernards to win NJSIAA all-group cross-country title in record time yesterday morning at Penn-High School.

After the two had run as a pack through the first two and a half miles, Byrne pulled away on a hill behind the high school football field and reeled to the track for the last 200 yards with a 25-yard margin that he maintained to the finish.

Both boys broke the course record set at 14:52 last week by Hallinan in the Group 1

championships. Byrne crossed the line in 14:43.2, with Hallinan at 14:48, a good 150 yards ahead of the third-place finisher, Ed Taylor of Edison Township.

Morris Catholic retained its team title by the slimmest of margins, edging Morris Hills, 129-130. Though Hallinan finished behind Byrne, Bernards topped Paramus Catholic, 146-152, for the third place medals.

Byrne attributed the victory to a fast early pace which got to Hallinan over the last mile of the race.

"I got used to these fast first miles in the Bergen County meets," said Byrne, "and I could see Chris tightening up

as the race went on."

Only a junior, Byrne now has his second all-group title, having won the indoor mile crown last winter.

The team race could not have been closer. Bob Siehl gave Morris Hills an early edge when he placed fifth, four places ahead of the Morris Catholic leader, Paul Werder. But it was Paul's brother, Dave, who made the big difference as he finished 11 places ahead of his Morris Hills counterpart, Ron Eick, in 28th place. The other Morris Catholic finishers were Mike Spano in 18th, one behind Paul Drescher of Morris Hills; Kevin Molteni in 21st, two

ahead of Ross Kudwitt of Morris Hills, and Kevin Foster in 53rd, seven behind Bob Grubel of Morris Hills.

Team score — Morris Catholic 129, Morris Hills 130, Bernards 146, Paramus Catholic 152; Cranford 216, Mahwah 243, Oratory 323.

Individual standings — 1, Kevin Byrne, Paramus Catholic, 14:43.2. 2, Chris Hallinan, Bernards, 14:48. 3, Ed Taylor, Edison 15:09. 4, Roger Jones, Ramsey, 15:16. 5, Bob Siehl, Morris Hills, 15:18. 6, Ivan Solero, St. Joseph's (Metuchen), 15:19. 7, Chris Heiser, St. Thomas Aquinas, 15:19. 8, Royce Flippin, Princeton, 15:22. 9, Paul Werder, Morris Catholic, 15:25. 10, Jerry Young, Franklin Township, 15:26. 11, Rick Devine, Westwood, 15:31. 12, Mike Kelly, St. Joseph's (Metuchen) 15:33. 13, Brian Clancy, Westfield, 15:34. 14, Kevin Cahill, Delaware Valley, 15:35. 15, Paul Marzan, Park Ridge, 15:36. 16, Dan Yates, Essex Catholic, 15:37. 17, Paul Drescher, Morris Hills, 15:38. 18, Mike Spano, Morris Catholic, 15:38. 19, Joe Logan, Bernards, 15:39. 20, Jerry Lambert, Cranford, 15:40. 21, Kevin Molteni, Morris Catholic, 15:44. 23, Ross Kudwitt, Morris Hills, 15:46. 24, Fred Janiec, St. Thomas Aquinas, 15:47. 25, Brad Davidson, Bernards, 15:49.