

As sophomore at Gill St. Bernard's, Bobby Papazian '05 made a name for himself when he broke the course record during the Somerset County Cross Country Championship at Pleasant Valley Park in Bernards Township. Bobby capped his strong running with a New Jersey Independent Schools Athletic Association (NJISAA) Prep B title. He opened his junior year campaign running a course record at the Newark Academy Invitational. He followed that with an outstanding race at the Shore Coaches Invitational where he ran an impressive 15 minutes, 51 seconds—the 21st fastest time ever on the championship Holmdel course. The time was also the second fastest of the day amongst 1,207 boys varsity runners. Bobby defended his Somerset County title and later gained All-Prep honors while winning his second NJISAA Prep B championship in Blairstown. At the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Parochial B championships November 15 at Holmdel Park, Bobby finished second and competed the following week in the NJSIAA Meet of Champions where he placed 11th.