

GRANVILLE SMITH
TEACHER/COACH



Granville “Granny” Smith is one of the most renowned figures in Minnesota high school baseball history. He coached baseball for 32 years starting in 1945. During that time, his teams went 328-133 (a .711 winning percentage) and won 14 conference championships. His teams finished first or second 25 times in his 32-year career. The baseball field at Park High School is named in his honor.

Granville was very active in the Baseball Coaches’ Association and served as its president in 1968. In 1978, he was named Minnesota High School Baseball Coach of the Year and was a finalist for the National Baseball Coach of the Year. He is also a recipient of the Dick Siebert Award, named for the legendary baseball coach at the University of Minnesota.

Granville has been inducted into the Hamline University Hall of Fame, the Minnesota High School Coaches’ Association Hall of Fame, and was a charter member of the Minnesota State High School League Hall of Fame.

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