



Dennis Fell '71 was one of Greenville's all-time prolific runners earning seven letters – three in cross country and four in track.

In 1968 GHS and Mercer County Hall of Fame coach John Kokoski started Greenville's cross-country team. That year, sophomore Denny Fell placed 4th at Districts and 14th at the PIAA State Championships. In 1969 he won his first District 10 title and ran to a 12th place finish at states. His senior year Denny repeated as District 10 champ and went on to win the Class B state title by 6.4 seconds with a time of 12:50.6. This made him the first runner from Mercer County and District 10 to win a PIAA State Cross Country title. Fell captained the Trojan harriers for three years racking up an individual record of 32-12 over that time-period which includes dual meets, triangular meets, District 10 and PIAA state meets. That's 32 first place finishes versus all others. Quite an accomplishment.

Denny ran four years for the Trojan track team, setting numerous school and meet records along the way. As a freshman Denny was part of a GHS record setting 2-mile relay team that finished 3rd at the Mercer County Athletic Conference (MCAC) meet. He also ran to 5th place in the 880-yard run at that meet. Post season he won the 880-yard run in the AAU Junior Olympic Allegheny Mountain Association National Qualifier.

As a sophomore Denny placed first at the MCAC meet in the 2-mile run setting a meet and school record. He placed 4th at Districts, again setting a school record, and he repeated as champion an AAU Jr. Olympic champion this time in the mile run.

Fell's junior campaign began with GHS records set at the Mercer Jaycee Invitational placing 1st and 2nd in the 2-mile relay and mile run. At the MCAC meet the relays again finished 1st and 2nd, while Denny placed 3rd in the individual mile race. All times were GHS records. New GHS records were set at Districts for the 2-mile relay (1st) and mile relay (2nd). Those records were then broken at the State meet where the 2-mile team finished 5th and the mile team finished 12th.

Denny's senior season started with first place finishes in the 880-yard run, the mile, and the mile relay at the Mercer Jaycee Invitational. At the Indiana University of PA Invitational, he placed first in the mile (GHS record) and the mile relay garnered first place as well. The Edinboro Jaycee Invite showed similar results, as Denny placed 1st in the 880-yard run, the mile (new GHS record) and the mile relay.

At the MCAC meet, Denny finished 2nd in the mile run, 1st in the mile relay and 3rd in the 2-mile relay. He ran and won the 2-mile run at Districts setting Meet and District records in the process. He repeated the feat at States capturing first place and setting a GHS record. Denny only ran the 2-mile event five times in competition, finishing 4-1 overall in the event. He was the first Mercer County and District 10 runner to win the PIAA 2-mile run event.

At the conclusion of his high school career Dennis individually held or was part of school records in the Cross Country 2.5 mile, 2-mile relay, mile relay, one mile run and the 2-mile run. Honors received along the way included the cross-country Ambassador Award, the Dr. Harold Rowe Memorial Award and the Varsity G Club Service and Dedication Award.

He enrolled at Kansas State University where he participated in cross country, indoor track and outdoor track his freshman year. A chronic injury cut his college running career short; however, Denny cut his GHS school record time in the mile run from 4:30.5 to 4:10.7 while at Kansas State.

Following a transfer to Penn State University, Denny founded and operated Mid Ohio Valley Marketing, a foodservice brokerage company in Parkersburg, WV. Now retired, he and his wife, Pam reside in Sunset Beach, NC. They have a daughter, Danielle, her husband, Ed and two granddaughters