



## GLENN TEIXEIRA

### PROFILE

Glenn Teixeira credits his Daily Review newspaper route on Joseph Drive in Castro Valley for part of his success on the tennis court "I was on my bike, I had the newspaper bag over my shoulders and I'd start at the bottom of Joseph Drive," Teixeira noted. "I delivered them uphill. Every day. I believe it's one of the reasons I became a good tennis player. My legs were always strong."

A four-year superstar on the Castro Valley tennis courts who dominated Hayward Area Athletic League competition and reached the North Coast Section semifinals as a senior in 1976, Teixeira recalls two accomplishments with equal joy. Before two successful seasons at Chabot College and taking off for San Diego State, Teixeira teamed with his mom, JoAnn, to twice win mother/son local and sectional tournaments, earning them trips to the U.S. Open site in New York to compete for national honors.

The Teixeiras took third place in 1975 nationals and fourth in 1976, the latter coming after they had won a marathon match in the sectionals in San Francisco over another Castro Valley Hall of Famer, Rolf Wiedenmeyer, and his mother. Teixeira stayed in Southern California after finishing up at San Diego State in 1982, playing some local tournaments. One saw him drawn against a 13-year-old named Michael Chang. Teixeira, who was 23 at the time, beat the unknown youngster.

"His whole family was there; they always traveled with him," Teixeira recalls. "After the match, they said: 'You're a very nice player.' He was just a kid, so I said: 'You are a nice little player, too.'" Four years later Chang won the French Open and eventually was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

Many age-group and club championships later, Teixeira returned to the Bay Area in 2018 and now lives in Pleasant Hill.