



FELICIA VIVEIROS

PROFILE

Whether bashing a baseball against boys, slugging a softball ball against girls, or just whacking a whiffle ball in her backyard, Felicia Viveiros loved to hit.

Viveiros started with baseball as an 8-year-old, the only girl in Floresta Little League. "I ended up getting a bunch of awards and they kicked me out of the league," she recalled. They told her girls couldn't play. So, she switched to softball and the rest is history.

At Creekside, Felicia excelled on her co-ed softball team, then starred for four years, 2005-2008, at Castro Valley High under Marie Gray, earning first-team All-League honors all four seasons and serving as the Trojans' captain her junior and senior years. She usually played center field and batted clean-up.

In addition to high school, Viveiros played travel ball for the Northern California Sockers, which operated out of Martinez. "My mom worked all day, but after my practice at Castro Valley, she'd drive me to Martinez, wait for me and drive me home."

With the Sockers, Felicia played with and against the best of the best. "It was the Olympics of softball," she said. "The most intense thing I've ever been through." One year her Under-18 team made it to the national finals in Oklahoma City.

Viveiros continued to excel in college, earning All-Region and All-American honors at Humboldt State. Her junior year was her best when she batted .392 with 11 home runs and 42 runs batted in.

Now a wife and mother of two daughters, Viveiros especially appreciates the sacrifices her parents made so she could play softball. Her father tied a whiffle ball to a basketball hoop in their backyard and Felicia would take 100 swings a day, often breaking the string and sending the ball into the neighbor's yard.

When she was being recruited by colleges, her dad once drove her to Oregon for a "showcase" tournament, then to Humboldt for a recruiting visit, then to Huntington Beach in Southern California for another tournament – all in the same trip.

Viveiros also considers herself fortunate for having played under Marie Gray at CVHS and Frank Cheek at Humboldt. "Those two truly made me into a better player," she said.

Felicia and her husband, Cory, currently live in Brentwood with their daughters Harper, 6, and Hazel, 2.