HEIDI (WIEDENMEYER) McCANDLESS

In the more than half century of Castro Valley High sports, the name Heidi Wiedenmeyer stands atop the girls tennis list. There’s a photo in the 1979 CVHS yearbook of Heidi hitting a backhand with the caption,

“. . . after four years of competition, Heidi Wiedenmeyer’s final record is 55 wins, 1 loss.” And on the same page a headline reads: “Wiedenmeyer again leads Trojans to net title.”

Heidi thinks she lost more than one high school match, but even if that’s the case, 55-2 isn’t bad and there’s no question that she won the 1979 Hayward Area Athletic League singles championship.

Following high school, Heidi matriculated at Cal State Hayward and played four years as No. 1 or No. 2 in both singles and doubles for the Pioneers.

Heidi, whose married name is McCandless, currently lives in Poway (San Diego County) and plays in the North County Women’s Doubles League, a highly competitive AA league.

McCandless is looking forward to next year when her father, Leonhard Wiedenmeyer, turns 80. The pair plan to play again in the National Father-Daughter Tournament – this time in the Ultra Super Senior Division (the father in the doubles team must be 80 or more). Heidi and her dad took the Silver Ball (second place) in the Super Senior Division (fathers 70 or more) back in 2008.

Heidi and her husband, Mike McCandless, have three adult daughters – Kristy and twins Courtney and Jamie.

Heidi joins her brother, Rolf, in the Castro Valley Sports Hall of Fame. Rolf is a member of the 2012 class.