

Voss notches 100th victory as Huskers beat Creighton

■ The senior breaks the record with the help of two sixth-inning runs.

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Nebraska senior softball pitcher Jenny Voss added another page to her list of career accomplishments. By earning her 100th career victory with a 3-1 decision over Creighton (25-16), Voss (13-8) became only the 19th pitcher in NCAA history to reach this mark.

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NU Softball Coach Rhonda Revelle said she couldn't be more happy with her senior from Ankeny, Iowa.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime thing," Revelle said. "To gain 100 victories in a career, think about that. That is a lot of hay in the barn. She's been real consistent her whole career."

"She's had moments where she struggled, but you know what, she's

persevered, and that's the sign of a real champion."

After the game, Voss said while the Huskers (35-18) were in Oklahoma over the weekend, the thought of the win mark never even crossed her mind.

Voss said achieving the feat at home gave her a better feeling.

"I'm really glad I got it at home instead of down in Oklahoma," Voss said. "It was just a great setting, the crowd was awesome, and I just felt totally relaxed and able to go out there and play my game."

The game with the Bluejays was in doubt when CU tied the score 1-1 off a Marie Gieron sacrifice RBI in the fourth inning.

But a determined Cornhusker hitting attack came out in the sixth inning and gave Voss two insurance runs she need to get the victory.

It was sophomore Leigh Suhr's sacrifice bunt that got Jennifer Williams from first to third base with no outs.

Williams went on to score off freshman Amanda Buchholz's sacrifice squeeze bunt. During the next at bat Suhr scored off freshman Kim Ogee's sacrifice bunt.

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Another milestone reached in last night's game was the all-time walk mark.

By walking three times, senior Jennifer Lizama broke NU's all-time record for walks in a career (117), previously held by Ali Viola.

"It's a record," Lizama said. "To break any kind of record and to go down in Nebraska softball history is a good honor no matter what it's for."

Championship-caliber teams sport nascent quarterbacks

By Jamie Suhr
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Five quarterbacks could hold the national championship in their right hands.

Five major contenders: Florida, Miami, Michigan and Southern Cal will each have new signal callers, while returning national champion Florida State can claim the oldest and most experienced quarterback in the country.

After losing its top three wide receivers, all taken in the first three rounds of the NFL draft, FSU will look to Chris Weinke, a 27-year-old senior, to make plays.

Without the play makers Coach Bobby Bowden is accustomed to at wideout, he said the Seminoles will run the ball more this season.

"We worked quite a bit on our running game," Bowden said in a press release. "With the kind of backs we have and the experience of our offensive line, we should be better at that this year."

While Florida State went into spring practice knowing what it had at quarterback, in-state rivals Florida and Miami are starting new quarterbacks this season.

The Gators must replace two-year starter Doug Johnson. Jesse Palmer, who rotated at quarterback for the Gators last season, will be No. 1 this season but will be looking over his shoulder.

Gators Coach Steve Spurrier has been known to have a quick hook with quarterbacks and the temptation may be too great for Spurrier to keep highly touted freshman quarterback Brock Berlin on the bench.

"We're headed into the summer with Jesse Palmer No. 1 at quarterback and Rex Grossman and Brock Berlin right behind him," Spurrier said. "Those three are in the mix, with Jesse being the first guy right now. They are all good players."

Florida struggled through most of the season because of injuries. Instead of the normal spring football game, the Gators could only muster a nine-on-nine scrimmage.

The Gators' neighbor to the south, Miami, named Ken Dorsey quarterback before the season started, enticing last year's starter Kenny Kelly to quit football and

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focus on a baseball career with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Because of an injury to Kelly last season, Dorsey started the final four games of the season for the Hurricanes.

Miami Coach Butch Davis said Dorsey's starting the final four games last season was a big help.

"First of all, it gave him confidence to know that he can go out there and do it," Davis said. "Secondly, it eased some of the other players' doubts about what he could do as a starter."

Unlike Florida and Miami, Michigan will go into the season without a quarterback controversy. Last season Tom Brady and Drew Henson alternated quarters and Coach Lloyd Carr went with the hot hand in the fourth quarter. Now the job is Henson's.

Out west, Southern California will have Carson Palmer back after an injury-plagued season.

"I think that the starting point offensively is that I see Carson as being 100 percent healthy," USC Coach Paul Hackett said. "But I don't think that he's at the level of performance that he started the season at last year."

Hackett had better hope he regains his form by the beginning of the season. USC opens up against Penn State in the Kickoff Classic and hosts Colorado two weeks later.

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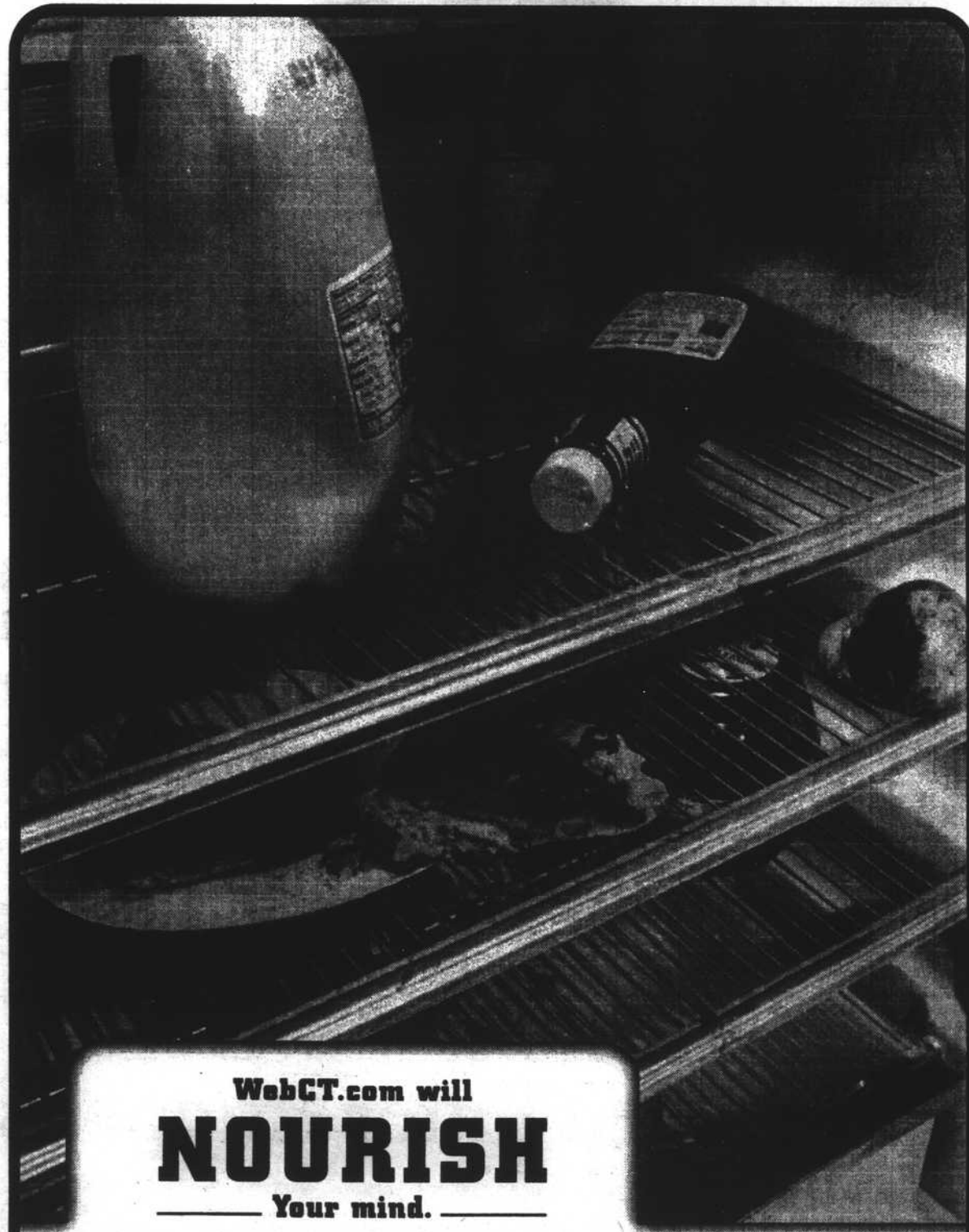
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