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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's Sally Stout (Peoria-Richwoods) will compete this week at the Gateway Collegiate Conference tennis tournament.

Stout, a sophomore, will represent her school by vying for titles in No. 4 singles and No. 2 doubles, where she teams with junior Nancy Abney.

"Sally has been steadily improving and has won two of her last three singles matches," EIU coach Gail Richard said. "I think she's ready for the conference tournament."

Stout has compiled a 4-6 record in singles this spring while she and Abney stand 6-4 in doubles action, Stout's forte at this point in her career.

"Sally has really started to shine in doubles," Richard said. "That's where her tennis skills really come through. She has had some excellent volleys at the net recently and both she and Nancy play very aggressively.

"They have been a really strong doubles team for us. They started slowly, but they're at their peak now.

"We're looking for them to score points for us," Richard added. "I think Eastern could play the spoiler role at the conference tournament. I definitely think we'll improve on our ninth-place finish last year" when the three-day event opens Thursday (April 26) in Wichita, Kansas.