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CHARLESTON, IL--Jay Johnson (Homewood-Flossmoor), Eastern Illinois University's No. 1 tennis singles, ended the year with a 6-16 record as the Panthers finished third in the Mid-Continent Conference.

Just a freshman, Johnson played No. 1 singles in every match. Two of his victories came against Division I teams, Northern Iowa and Samford. Eastern finished with an 11-8 record.

He also teamed with senior E. J. Karsten at No. 1 doubles to post a winning 13-9 mark finishing third in the MCC.

"It's difficult to start as a freshman, especially at No. 1 singles so Jay was very respectable this year," said Coach Carl Sexton.

"He was competitive in nearly every match . . . and most of the people he faced were receiving some type of financial aid so it was solid, recognized opponents he was facing.

"His game dropped off a bit in the middle of the year but I think that was mostly due to the fact that he was disappointed about not winning consistently.

"But by the end of the season I think he was feeling better about his play, and it was reflected on the court. Plus he's a good doubles player . . . he and E. J. teamed for a winning doubles record," Sexton said.