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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's Patti Kearns (Palatine-William Fremd) will compete this week at the Gateway Collegiate Conference tennis tournament.

Kearns, a sophomore, will represent her school by vying for titles in No. 3 singles and No. 1 doubles, where she teams with sophomore Heather England.

"Nancy is a very powerful player," EIU head coach Gail Richard said. "She has great power behind her strokes and when she uses it she is quite effective. She only runs into trouble when she doesn't use her strength.

"Patti works very, very hard, but right now she just lacks confidence in the new, aggressive style of playing we've implemented," Richard added.

Kearns has compiled a 2-10 record in singles this spring while she and England stand 2-8 in doubles action. But Richard said the records do not always adequately express an athlete's contribution to the team effort.

"Both Patti and Heather are sophomores and both are adjusting to the new, aggressive style of play. They will more accurately be a No. 1 doubles team next year," Richard said. "They hit against other schools' most outstanding players, but they have held their own.

"They'll be stronger next year," she added, but they might surprise someone at the conference tournament" Thursday (April 26) through Saturday in Wichita, Kansas.