

# UK debate team wins invitational tournament

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Two UK varsity debaters defeated a team from Emory University Sunday to win a national invitational tournament at Vanderbilt University.

Sophomore David Brownell and junior Eric Kupferberg beat teams from Northwestern University, the University of Kansas and Redlands (Calif.) University before winning the final round in a 2-1 decision.

The win came as "a tremendous shock," Kupferberg said. "Neither (Brownell) or I expected to do this well."

UK debate coach J.W. Patterson said some 60 teams competed in UK's first tournament of the season.

"As the second-ranked team, (Brownell and Kupferberg) did exceptionally well," Patterson said. He added that he was "exceedingly pleased" with their performance.

The top UK team, senior Ouita Papka and junior Paul Flowers, was eliminated in the quarterfinals but finished a preliminary round with a 7-1 record, Patterson said.

Papka took honors for best speaker and Flowers finished in the top 10 in speaker rankings, he said.

"Paul and Ouita really helped, especially at the tournament," Brownell said. "Eric was also a major factor — I couldn't ask for a better partner."

Papka and Flowers will represent UK at Wednesday's 13th annual

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