

Vogel Shoots One Gun, Wins Two Titles

WEST COLUMBIA, S.C. - Ask anybody and they will tell you that when it comes to shooting equipment, a limited gun doesn't stand a chance going head-to-head against an open gun.

Apparently nobody told Bob Vogel who claimed the ProAm Open division title after being forced to shoot his limited pistol when his open gun went down. The shock of winning with a limited gun even caught him off guard.



"I knew I wasn't expected to do much in the Open division and to be honest I didn't have much faith in my open gun or my ability to shoot it well," explained Vogel, who is a member of Team EOTAC and a police officer from Wapakoneta, Ohio. "When I had problems with it at the practice range before the match I quickly decided to just shoot my limited gun."

Vogel had already taken the Limited title earlier in the match edging out Shannon Smith of Tampa, Fla. by one point shooting a final score of 207.

"I started out a little slow in the Limited match but then picked things up and stayed pretty solid. I'm not known as a steel shooter so I was very excited to learn at the end that I had actually won the Limited match," said Vogel.

Held June 12 through 14 at the U.S. Shooting Academy in Tulsa, Okla., the ProAm features an all-steel format with eight courses of fire and a tie-breaker. The number of targets on each stage ranges from 23 to 39 with the goal of hitting as many targets as possible within the allotted par time. The stage par times range from 17 to 23 seconds.

With the Limited win under his belt, Vogel set his sights on the Open match but didn't put much stock in his chances.

"I was happy enough with winning the Limited match that I was able to relax more and just try to have some fun in the Open match. I had serious doubts though that I could really be that competitive."

"I knew I couldn't shoot as fast as these guys so I thought the only chance I had was to just not miss."

The "just don't miss" strategy paid off as Vogel won the fourth and seventh stages topping a field that included Glock's Dave Sevigny, who ultimately finished second, Smith & Wesson's BJ Norris and David Olhasso and CZ-USA's Angus Hobdell among others.

Vogel ended the Open match with a final score of 221 having shot 15 seconds faster than in the Limited match and hitting 14 more plates.

"I was floored that I was actually able to win 2 stages in Open. I just told myself to stay on my sights and in winning those 2 stages I was able to hit 56 steel with 57 shots," said Vogel.

"The most amazing thing to me was the frame of mind that I found myself in and just how easy everything felt. This has happened on occasion to me in really big matches and I don't think it can truly be explained or predicted. I just thank God for it when it happens."

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