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Shell Shock Technologies Sponsored Shooter John Vlieger Wins High Overall at 2025 USPSA Buckeye Blast

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Eubank, KY (May 2025) – [Shell Shock Technologies](http://www.shellshocktech.com), LLC. (SST), a leading innovator in the ammunition industry, is proud to announce its sponsored shooter, John Vlieger, won High Overall and First Place in the Open Division at the [2025 USPSA Buckeye Blast - Ohio State Championship](#), held in Marengo, Ohio, from May 1 – 4, 2025. Vlieger competed against 289 competitors to finish with 1495.5573 match points.

"Battling through steady rain and low 40s temps, I shot all 12 stages of the 2025 Buckeye Blast in a single day—and came away with the win," commented Vlieger. "It was one of the toughest match days I have faced in over a decade of competition, and while I did not feel it was my absolute best, I am proud of the result. Through it all, my gear never let me down. My Rafferty Custom open gun and 9mm major loads, built with Shell Shock Technologies NAS³ cases, ran flawlessly from the first shot to the last. The match staff deserves credit for running an efficient and professional event despite the weather. I'll be hitting the range with the same trusted setup as I prepare for the World Shoot in September."

Vlieger has fired over 150,000 rounds of ammunition with SST's NAS³ cases since first becoming a sponsored shooter in 2017. Vlieger will next be seen competing in the 2025 Bluegrass State Championship, to be held at the Blue Grass Sportsmen's League in Wil, Kentucky, from June 13 – 15, 2025.

About Shell Shock Technologies NAS³ Cases:

NAS³ 9mm cases are 50 percent lighter than brass cases, offer greater lubricity, and will not abrade, clog, foul, wear out, or damage breach and ejector mechanisms. The cases offer greater corrosion resistance, tensile strength (2x stronger), and elasticity than brass. NAS³ cases will not split, chip, crack, or grow (stretch), are fully reloadable (using S3 Reload dies), and can be reloaded many more times than brass cases. NAS³ cases have been

tested successfully by customers to pressures over 70k psi. NAS³ cases can be picked up with a magnet. The head can be colored for branding purposes and easy load identification.

NAS³ is “Best in Class” for maintaining consistent velocity between rounds. In an independent test performed by H.P. White Laboratory (a major munitions testing facility), rounds fired using NAS³ cases achieved a velocity standard deviation of 0.093 FPS (124-grain FMJ bullet, 4.2 grains Titegroup powder, 10 rounds, extreme variation 3fps).



Keep up with Shell Tech's advanced ammunition on the [website](#) and social media platforms: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).

About Shell Shock Technologies and Shell Tech Ammo:

[Shell Shock Technologies, LLC](#) (SST), headquartered in Eubank, Kentucky, is a leading innovator in advanced ammunition case design and manufacturing. Since 2015, Shell Shock has supplied hundreds of millions of high-performance cases to commercial ammunition companies, U.S. defense contractors, and international defense allies. The company's patented, lightweight, and durable cases are engineered to enhance precision, reliability, and functionality across a variety of applications. Expanding on this legacy, Shell Shock introduced Shell Tech, a new line of factory-loaded, hand-inspected ammunition designed for hunters, sports shooters, and defense professionals. Produced at our Calhoun, Georgia, facility, Shell Tech ammo brings unmatched quality, accuracy, and consistency directly to consumers.

Committed to ongoing innovation, Shell Shock's engineers continually develop advanced materials and processes, including pioneering lightweight ammunition links for belt-fed machine guns. With a focus on performance, dependability, and customer satisfaction, Shell Shock and Shell Tech set a new standard in ammunition technology.

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About John Vlieger:

John Vlieger began seriously competing in action shooting sports in mid-2014 while serving with the US Army. Initially focused on Limited Division with iron sights, Vlieger found his calling in Open Division and has been pushing his limits ever since. Located near Lexington, Kentucky, he trains regularly to stay competitive at the National level. He has completed over 150 state, regional, and national championship matches with tens of titles under his belt, including a National Championship Title. Vlieger plans to compete in over 10 major events in 2025, culminating in the 2025 IPSC World Championship in Klerksdorp, South Africa.