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## **Federal Ammunition Shooters win Men's and Women's Skeet Titles**

**ANOKA, Minnesota – May 25, 2023** – Skeet sensations Vincent Hancock and Austen Smith claimed gold medals at the 2023 Shotgun National Championships, qualifying them for the World Championship and Pan American Games. The nationals are part one of the Olympic selection process and the three-time gold medalist Hancock and previous Olympian Smith are seeking a spot on the 2024 U.S. team. The event was held May 19-22 at the John A. Halter Shooting Sports Center Complex in Hillsdale, Michigan.

Hancock finished third in the Open Men's Skeet event missing just four targets before heading into the finals and ultimately defeating Conner Prince in a sudden death shoot-off. "I was very happy with my overall performance at this year's National Championships," said 3-time Olympic champion Vincent Hancock. "I struggled a little on days 3 and 4, but ultimately, I was able to make some adjustments before the Final and walk away with Gold. I'm thankful to have Federal Premium Ammunition on my side because, as always, my Federal Papers were powdering targets!"

Austen Smith, a twenty-two-year college student from Dallas, TX who is studying aerospace engineering, dropped just one target in the last five rounds of the Open Women's Skeet competition. With that win, Smith was selected to represent the U.S. on the women's skeet team that will be competing in Chile and Baku, Azerbaijan for the Pan American Games and World Championship.

"Amazing performances by Vincent and Austen," said Federal Ammunition's Vice President of Marketing, Jason Nash. "We are excited to watch these Olympic veterans and Paris hopefuls continue their journey to represent the United States."

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