

Landrock Bags the "Metropolitan" Shooting N. R. A.'s.

*Places first in both
championship and
preliminary. Sets
two records.*



PAUL LANDROCK
Metropolitan Rifle Club

*Classic won for fourth
time with N.R.A.'s and
re-entry for fifth time
straight.*

SHOOTING history was written on the targets during the 1927 indoor matches of the Metropolitan Rifle League, staged in the 47th Regiment Armory, Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 29 to Feb. 19, inclusive. And once again, shooters of the famous U. S. 22 N. R. A. long-rifle cartridges carried off the important honors.

Paul Landrock, member of the 1924 International Rifle Team, in particular covered himself with glory. Not content with winning the preliminary matches by scoring 1,000 x 1,000 with sixty-five x's, and incidentally turning in what is said to be the smallest possible ever shot at 100 yards in shoulder-to-shoulder competition, he went out and bagged the championship as well.

In the championship (fifty shots at 100 yards on standard N. R. A. target with four-inch bull's-eye, two-inch 10-ring) Landrock punctured the "bull" to the tune of 498 x 500, making a straight run of twenty-three 10's, then one 8, and ending up with a string of twenty-six 10's. His championship target, like his .94" possible, is known to be an American record. Quite likely both are world's records.

Landrock's equipment was a Pope-Ballard rifle, Winchester-Fecker scope and .22 N. R. A.'s.

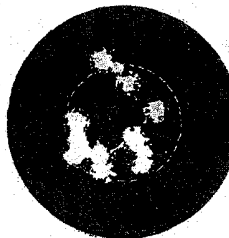
Second place in the championship, as well as second and third

in the preliminary, also went to .22 N. R. A. shooters. Charles St. John, Roosevelt Rifle Club, stood second high in the championship. Score: 495 x 500. J. H. Hilborn, Roosevelt Rifle Club, and Charles F. Johnson, Frankford Arsenal Club, followed Landrock in that order in the preliminary. Both scores: 996 x 1,000.

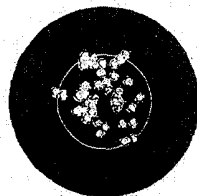
Eighty-two possibles were registered during the matches—twenty-one in the championship and sixty-one in the preliminary. Sixty-seven, or 84 per cent, of these possibles were scored with .22 N. R. A.'s—fourteen in the championship and fifty-three in the re-entry matches.

On the night of the championship there was a special Pope match at 100 yards on a one-half inch scoring center. The first three places in this match were won by the following shooters with U. S. 22 N. R. A.'s: 1st, Charles F. Johnson—48 x 50; 2nd, De F. T. Layton—47 x 50; 3rd, Joseph Martin—24 x 25.

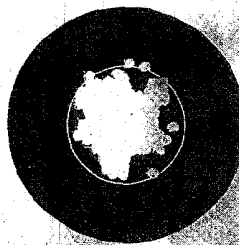
This makes the fourth year out of six that the Metropolitan Championship has gone to a rifleman using .22 N. R. A.'s. And it is the fifth year hand-running that the preliminary matches have been won with these ultra-accurate .22's. Four championships out of six! Five straight in the preliminaries! "Nuff sed" on the accuracy question.



Record possible (actual size) shot by Landrock. Group measures .94". All ten shots in x-ring.



LEFT: Composite of targets shot by Landrock in winning Metropolitan championship. Score of 498 x 500 is an American record and no doubt a world's record.
RIGHT: Composite of targets shot by Landrock in winning Metropolitan preliminary. Score of 1000 x 1000 includes sixty-five x's.



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