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In answer to your request for data on Model 40XB centerfire rifles in the bench rest competitions, the following is my experience, verified by reports in Precision Shooting and the Rifleman.

M/40XB rifles dominate these competitions in terms of numbers of rifles on the firing line. Further, Remington actions, M/40XB, M/722, 721, 700, 600, XP-100, and M/788, account for essentially all rifles on the line. The only others seen are a few special custom actions by Hart and Shilen and one or two Mausers. M/40XB and 40XB modified, i.e., with Hart barrels etc., account for a large percentage of the wings

Shilen is no longer making actions and is building bench rest rifles using Remington actions salvaged from sed rifles or new barreled actions.

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