

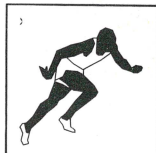
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After a quarter of a century in the British track and field fixture list, the Emsley Carr Mile is more than just a classic, it is an institution. It took its name from Sir Emsley Carr, former Chairman of the *News of the World*, and was inaugurated in Coronation Year, 1953.

The first winner, Gordon Pirie, was not a great miler. His finest races were over longer distances. But in 1953 an ecstatic crowd at London's White City saw him defeat the American Wesley Santee, a man who had been close to the then unattainable four minutes for the mile. Other fine runners, like Pirie of Yorkshire birth, were among the early winners, Ken Wood four times and Derek Ibbotson twice. Ibbotson was one of three world record holders to have captured the coveted trophy, others being America's Jim Ryun and Tanzania's Filbert Bayi.

The trophy itself is unusual. It is in the form of a beautifully bound book which sets out the history of mile running since 1868, the first time man officially ran a mile in under 4 ½ minutes. The fastest time yet recorded for the race is 3 min 53.4 sec by Kenya's Kip Keino on the cinder track at White City. This

has never been approached on synthetic tracks either at Meadowbank in Edinburgh where it has twice been staged, or at Crystal Palace where it has normally been decided since 1969.

WINNERS OF THE EMSLEY CARR MILE

(British except where stated)

1953 Gordon Pirie	4 min 06.8 sec
1954 Ken Wood	4 min 04.8 sec
1955 Ken Wood	4 min 05.4 sec
1956 Derek Ibbotson	3 min 59.4 sec
1957 Ken Wood	4 min 02.0 sec
1958 Murray Halberg (NZL)	4 min 06.5 sec
1959 Derek Ibbotson	4 min 03.1 sec
1960 Laslo Tabori (HUN)	4 min 00.3 sec
1961 Ken Wood	4 min 08.4 sec
1962 Jim Beatty (USA)	3 min 56.5 sec
1963 Bill Crothers (CAN)	4 min 06.5 sec
1964 Witold Baran (POL)	3 min 56.0 sec
1965 Alan Simpson	4 min 04.1 sec
1966 Kip Keino (KEN)	3 min 53.4 sec
1967 Jim Ryun (USA)	3 min 56.0 sec
1968 John Whetton	3 min 58.6 sec
1969 Francesco Arese (ITA)	3 min 57.8 sec
1970 Ian Stewart	3 min 57.4 sec
1971 Peter Stewart	4 min 00.4 sec
1972 Peter Stewart	3 min 55.3 sec
1973 Frank Clement	4 min 01.8 sec
1974 Frank Clement	3 min 57.4 sec
1975 Filbert Bayi (TAN)	3 min 55.5 sec
1976 David Moorcroft	3 min 57.1 sec
1977 Sebastian Coe	3 min 57.7 sec
1978 John Robson	3 min 55.8 sec
1979 Steve Ovett	3 min 56.6 sec

John Robson (12) wins in 1978 from Graham Williamson (4)