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# THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB'S

## New Running Ground

(ADJOINING THE WEST BROMPTON RAILWAY STATION)

WILL BE OPENED ON THE 1st OF MARCH.

This beautiful Ground adjoins the platform of the West Brompton Station, on the West London Extension Railway, from which trains to all parts of London are constantly running.

The Afternoon service of trains for this month (February) between Ludgate Hill and West Brompton is as follows:—

### Ludgate Hill to West Brompton.

Leave Ludgate Hill . . . . .	11:18	12:20	1:35	2:24	3:20	4:22
Reach West Brompton . . . . .	11:55	12:57	2:12	3:0	3:58	4:58

### West Brompton to Ludgate Hill.

Leave West Brompton . . . . .	1:3	2:23	4:40	5:53	6:27
Reach Ludgate Hill . . . . .	4:2	5:18	6:1	7:4	

In a few weeks there will be trains running from all the Stations of the Metropolitan Railway, and from Westminster and Victoria, direct to West Brompton, about every ten minutes.

### Broad Street and Kensington Lines (via Islington and Dalston).

Leave Broad Street . . . . .	10:40	11:40	12:40	1:40	2:40	3:40	4:40
Reach West Brompton . . . . .	11:24	12:24	1:24	2:24	3:26	4:24	5:24
Leave West Brompton . . . . .	2:40	3:38	4:41	5:40	6:40		
Reach Broad Street . . . . .	3:20	4:20	5:20	6:20	7:20		

Omnibuses run between the Bank and Lillie Arms, which is less than 100 yards from the Ground, as under:—

Leave the Bank . . . . .	12:12	3:5	Leave Lillie Arms. 1:35	4:25	7:25
.. Charing Cross . . . . .	12:35	3:30			
.. Regent Circus . . . . .	12:45	3:35			

The Ground is two miles from Albert Gate, and is just under three miles from St. James's Street.

From Cremorne Pier (by Gunter's Grove and through the Cemetery) it is a mile.

COMPETITION RULES  
OF THE  
AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB.

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1. No attendant to accompany a competitor on the scratch, or in the Race.
2. Any competitor starting before the word, to be put back one yard, at the discretion of the starter; on a repetition of the offence, to be disqualified.
3. All Level Races to start by word of mouth, Handicaps by pistol.
4. In Hurdle Races, each competitor to keep his own Hurdles throughout the Race.
5. In Sprint Racing, each runner to keep his own side of the course.
6. Jostling or running across, or wilfully obstructing another, so as to impede his progress, to disqualify the offender from any further competitions held by the Club.
7. All cases of dispute to be referred to the Committee of Management at the time.
8. The decision of the Judges in all competitions to be final.
9. In Pole Leaping and High Jumping, three tries at each height allowed. The height to which the bar is raised to be determined by the majority of the competitors, at each successive elevation; displacing the bar only to count as a try.
10. In Broad Jumping, Putting the Stone, and Throwing the Hammer, three tries only allowed; the best three competitors of the first trial to be allowed three more tries each for the final; the farthest throw, put, or jump, of the six attempts, to win.
11. In Throwing the Hammer, the length of the run not limited, the throw to be measured from the nearest footprint at the delivery to the pitch of the ball.—[The accuracy of the measurement is facilitated by sprinkling ashes, sawdust, or sand at the point of delivery. The footprints of the competitors must be effaced after each throw.]
12. "No Throws" to count as a try.

13. Crossing the scratch in the attempt to count as "No Throw." This rule applies to Putting the Stone and Broad Jumping.

14. The weight of the Hammer and Stone to be 16 lb. each.

15. The height of the Hurdles to be 3 ft. 6 in.

16. The Stone to be delivered from the shoulder with either hand; seven feet run allowed; no "put" to count, if delivered or followed with any part of the body touching the ground over the mark; all throws to be measured from the nearest point of the scratch, continued in a straight line upon either side until opposite the pitch.

#### DEFINITION OF A GENTLEMAN AMATEUR.

Any gentleman who has never competed in an open competition, or for public money, or for admission money, or with professionals for a prize, public money or admission money, and who has never, at any period of his life, taught or assisted in the pursuit of Athletic exercises as a means of livelihood.



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# THE ATHLETE.

## AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB.

BEACFORT HOUSE.

June 19th and 20th.

THE Champion Meeting of this great club was again this year postponed on account of the Inter-University Sports being held in London. June is not a good time for an important Athletic Meeting, cricket having then, in a great measure, taken the place of running. Many men do not train in the hot weather, and certainly last June was not cool enough to tempt athletes to make an exception. These causes reduced the number of entries, but the quality of those who entered was so undeniable, that the competitions promised a great athletic treat to the spectators—a promise, we may add, which was entirely fulfilled. The times of the events speak for themselves.

Friday, June 19th.

100 yards—

HEAT 1.

W. M. Tennent ( <i>Manchester A. C.</i> ) . . . . .	1
E. J. Colbeck ( <i>L. A. C.</i> ) . . . . .	2
W. H. Betts . . . . .	0

The path was in good order, and there was a fair wind behind the runners. Tennent got best off, and running magnificently, won easily by 4 yds. Time, 10 sec.

HEAT 2.

W. MacLaren ( <i>Manchester A. C.</i> ) . . . . .	1
W. Collett ( <i>Amateur A. C.</i> ) . . . . .	2
J. Templer ( <i>Harrow</i> ) . . . . .	0

Templer got best off, but was soon passed by both of the others, MacLaren winning by 2 yds. Time, 10½ sec.

FINAL HEAT.

(Run on June 20th.)

W. M. Tennent . . . . .	1
E. J. Colbeck . . . . .	2
W. MacLaren . . . . .	3
W. Collett . . . . .	0

A magnificent race. Colbeck had slightly the best of the start, and held the lead for most of the distance, Tennent winning at last by a bare foot. 1½ yd. between second and third. Collett got off badly. Time, 10½ sec.

Half a Mile—

E. J. Colbeck ( <i>L. A. C.</i> ) . . . . .	1
A. King ( <i>L. A. C.</i> ) . . . . .	2
W. R. M. Bethune ( <i>Civil Service</i> ) . . . . .	0
Sydenham Dixon ( <i>Civil Service</i> ) . . . . .	0

The pace was very hot throughout, and Colbeck won easily by 5 yds. The wind, although favourable for the sprint races, was against good time when the complete circle had to be run. Adding to this the fact that the winner having the race safe, slackened considerably in the last 20 yds., the time is wonderfully good. Time, 2 min. 2 sec.

Pole Jump—

R. J. C. Mitchell ( <i>Manch. A. C.</i> ) . . . . .	1
W. F. Powell Moore ( <i>A. A. C.</i> ) . . . . .	2
Alfred Lubbock ( <i>A. A. C.</i> ) . . . . .	0