

IN THE SPORTS FIELD

With Percy Taylor

THE remarkable performance of Neil Weatherston, of Trinity Grammar School, last week, when he took 10 for 23 off 9.5 overs, and bowled every man, has directed attention to similar cricket feats. While there are many instances of a bowler taking 10 wickets, there is only one case on record in first-class matches where all 10 were bowled. That goes back 90 years, and J. Wisden, playing for North v. South England, was the bowler.

The best performance on record is that of Verity, the English Test lefthander, who took 10 for 10, including 7 for 3, off the last three overs.

Australians who have taken all the wickets in one innings are G. Giffen, J. Howell (in his first match in England), A. E. Trott (while playing for an English county), A. Mailey, C. V. Grimmett, and T. Wall. All these feats were performed in England except those by Giffen and Wall.

Weatherston has another claim to fame. Since attending Trinity he has broken 10 athletic records. In the school sports last month he broke two open records—running 100 yards in 10 2-5sec., and the 440 yards in 50 7-10sec. He also won the open shot putt, the open long jump, and the open 220 yards.

Versatile Soldiers

MY friend, Lieut.-Colonel N. F. Wellington, C.O. Pioneer Battalion, tells me that many a moderate player of football, cricket, tennis, and golf is to be found among the men of this unit, recently responsible for winning the trophy for the best athletic championship team at Puckapunyal. Cricket has now entered into the life of the camp, and various units are deeply grateful to the Melbourne Cricket Club and the University for providing cricketing material.

In addition to their success in the sporting sphere, these versatile Pioneers are renowned for their musicians—band, choir, orchestra, vocalists, pianists, and organists. They are to present at the Melbourne Town Hall to-night what should be an extremely fine military concert. Their appeal to all sportsmen to attend to assist the regimental funds for sporting gear for the troops is not likely to fall on deaf ears.

Still Think of "Braddy"

CAPTAIN JACK KROGER, a former interstate cricketer, who is now abroad, spent part of his recent leave at Manchester, and, naturally, paid a visit to Old Trafford. It was there that the Australians spent some monotonous days on the last tour, when rain prevented any play in the Test.

Captain Kroger was shown over the ground by the curator, who remarked: "It were the best — sommer for 26 years, lud, and there is no cricket." Though the grass was inches high on the oval the curator seemed quite happy, saying that next time "Braddy" arrived they would have plenty of grass on the wicket for him.

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WHILE the ambitious objective of £1,500 was not reached at the golf gymkhana to aid war comforts at Royal Melbourne last Saturday, the highest praise must be given to the V.O.A. and the V.L.G.U. for the highly successful day, the proceeds of which will exceed £1,000.

Although a considerable sum was raised before the gymkhana, £1,000 for a day's golf is in fact a great deal of money. The day proved, also, that there is no difficulty in obtaining a capacity field for mixed foursomes on Saturdays. It is to be hoped, therefore, that Mr. T. E. Doughton (V.G.A. president) and his band of willing helpers will, when they have recovered from their hard work for the effort, consider arranging a similar day. It would be rather too much to ask Royal Melbourne to give up its two courses again but possibly other clubs might co-operate when adjoining courses might be used.

Was It Out?

AT the Camberwell-Elsternwick sub-district cricket match on Saturday, when a Camberwell batsman was given out stumped after the ball had been only slightly disturbed, there was some criticism by players and onlookers. The umpire, however, was right.

A former Test umpire, confirming that opinion, recalled a pennant match in Melbourne some years ago when the wicket-keeper did the same thing. The umpire noticed that the ball was disturbed, but realised that, if he went up and adjusted it, he would practically be inviting an appeal. At the end of the over the wicket-keeper noticed the altered appearance of the ball, and appealed, "You are just two balls too late," was the reply.