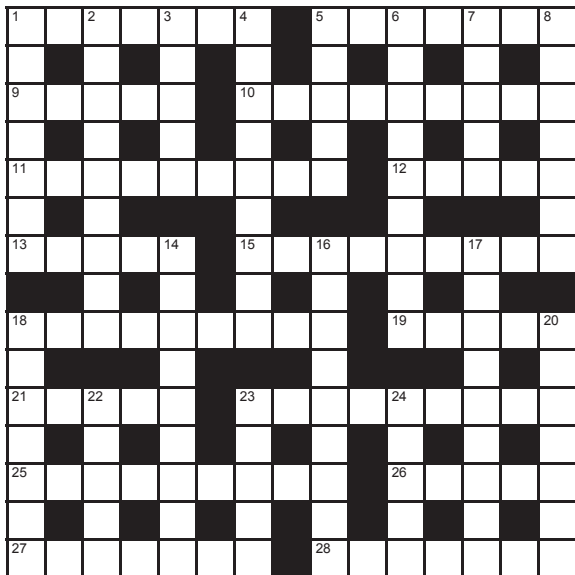


CROSSWORD

No. 15,446 Set by WANDERER



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1, 5 City's game won, wrapped up by 20's side (7,7)
- 9 Easy and fair clue, this? (5)
- 10 Second offence, involving periodical disorderly struggle (9)
- 11 Problem with Observer writer's stated tax (9)
- 12 Spanish area with Portuguese-speaking city prior to Munich Agreement (5)
- 13 Solicitor eating a little raw fish (5)
- 15 Swimmer embarrassed by haircut (3,6)
- 18 Messi having run rings round Man Utd at beginning of each half, popular back provides protection (9)
- 19 Primate called round earlier (5)
- 21 Left injured, hit with a stick (5)
- 23 Group of 18 down army finally captured during conflict in Spain? Olé! (9)
- 25 Novel run in poor quality paper? (9)
- 26 Mixed signals, if not initially savvy with current jargon (5)
- 27, 28 Alcoholic possibly sober before supper (7,7)

DOWN

- 1, 18 Bad singer still touring Kiribati, as before (7,7)
- 2 Odd bits of gold we found reflected in a standard piece of bait (9)
- 3 Bird, say, turning over twig (3,2)

- 4 Clever dicks, eg Ernie & Eric as one's left in hysterics (9)
- 5 Monarch appearing in series broadcast again (5)
- 6 A wee Italian, possibly oneself (6,3)
- 7 Mythically one of nine per cat? No, not originally (5)
- 8, 20 Actor portraying conflict in film, good in Alien (7,7)
- 14 Sportsman playing sport in poor 9? On the contrary (6,3)
- 16 Saw about leaders in Europe seeking love, left forlorn (9)
- 17 Bit of a bloomer, perhaps, in what page is saying? (9)
- 18 See 1
- 20 See 8
- 22 Wrote about upstanding Blackpool resident? (5)
- 23 Aches from cycling round EU country (5)
- 24 Second generation immigrant in Boston is 8 (5)

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