CROSSWORD
No. 15,606 Set by WANDERER

ACROSS
1 Short of work, those one's up against for job (8)
5 Like this clue? It's central to the puzzle (6)
9 Time to celebrate two scores in a match? (8)
10 Head of clan, dressed in tartan still (6)
12 Slip making pass, after missing header (5)
13 False realities for Jacob's descendant (9)
14 Heart broken in half-decent relationship (6)
16 Boo jazz fan beginning to criticise everyone (7)
18 Game's official useless? City back: "No!" (7)
20 Ringo's last group? (6)
22 Fishy bit of fish Ronaldo cooked after removing tails (6,3)
23 Place to consume tuck (5)
24 "Over the moon", as reported right away (6)
25 Pay to go and see a bit of Messi's skill (8)
26 Island that gets confused with two small islands (6)
27 Heather's carrying wood – a large amount (8)

DOWN
1 Females are covered in a layer of soft, fine hair? Nonsense! (6)
2 Poor dominatrix might have done this? (8,4)
3 Article about home that was yours once (5)
4, 19 Tedious rambling by socialist, showing outdated 1 across (7,4)
6 Prayer circle run for one getting things together (9)
7 Hardly ever come with a lone bunion needing treatment (4,2,1,4,4)
8 In South of France, study in front of library that's been evacuated without warning (8)
11, 20 Idle chap is unable to working with a footballer and movie star (4,7)
15 Will try people in a court, ultimately (9)
17 Reading about time one might be one in 11 (8)
19 See 4
20 See 11
21 City's cricketer keeps burning (6)
23 No hesitation shown by player in Baseball Ground (5)

Solution 15,605

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M E D L E Y S
E L I O R S T
G I N S P Y T H A G O R A S
G I M O G O T T
F A M O U S
R H O D E S I A
T I W N N R O
B E E F S T E A K
K I L N
L Y C
C H O W
E M A C I A T E D
O G C A R
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S M U G G L E D
A B L A U T
F I O N
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S O U N D C H E C K
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