ACROSS
1 Exotic satin dress strap Pole might display (5,3,7)
9 Somewhat stellar gesture, generous in the extreme (7)
10 When observed, there’s no turning back at location, I’d say (2,5)
11 Guy from Northern Ireland with everything? (5)
12 Terribly nervous drinking quietly with a star (9)
13 Standards of behaviour quite possibly better after extremists leave (9)
15 By sound of it cricket side with small feeling of dissatisfaction (5)
16 Initially sleeping poorly every night, they’re exhausted (5)
18 SA openers trained in this period? (9)
20 Exaggerates importance of dramas completed earlier (9)
23 Give up pro board game (5)
24 Hurry back by mid-year giving description of wet area (4-3)
25 Oddly Old Boy with pay increase gets perfume perhaps (7)
26 Six perfect balls in this game? Long odds against that! (8,7)

DOWN
1 Appeal for quiet colleges is binned, failing to start, unfortunately (7,2,6)
2 Aviatrix, very briefly flying, ordered for this transport? (3,4)
3 Society anguish over plea for casual wear (5,4)
4 Pays attention to distinctive vocal sounds (5)
5 Fine example succeeded – the way with no violence reportedly (9)
6 More prudent getting right to replace wide vertical pipe (5)
7 Restrict Margaret? Not happy (3,4)
8 Programme cost I’m breaking down – needs to be spelt out fully (9,6)
14 Leader knocking trophy over, crazy when bottom’s pinched? (3,6)
15 Sentry and foe in struggle for command (4,5)
17 Factor in running away to get married, having no work? (7)
19 Starving and ravenous, first of all eat fish? (7)
21 Sauce from Dieppe store (5)
22 Sandbank crowd (5)

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