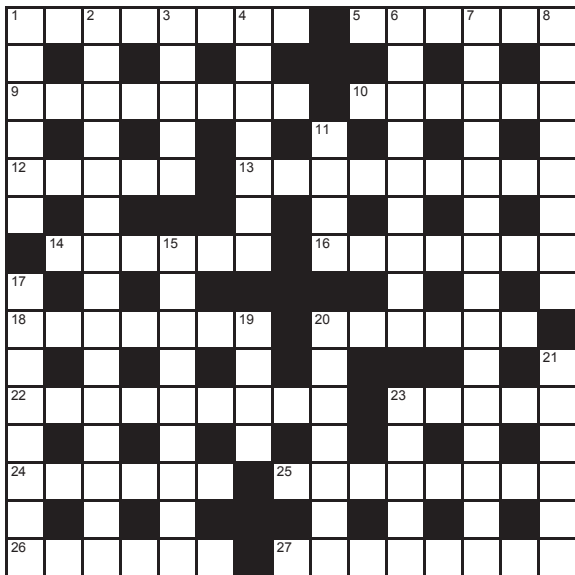


CROSSWORD

No. 13,854 Set by BRADMAN



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Booze from Prohibition-buster pursued by police across river (8)
- 5 Women drivers probably can't speed on them (6)
- 9 Changing situation with noon approaching? (8)
- 10 Get home by boat after accident (6)
- 12 Miss sitting outside university is nasty person (5)
- 13 Rhetorical device from dishy dean, spouting (9)
- 14 Support the head of state as is right (6)
- 16 Nice words from group of people about union? The reverse (7)
- 18 Boys creating stories about tot (7)
- 20 Island's ancient supernatural beings (6)
- 22 Object to reform? That has left the French restricted (9)
- 23 Sudden problem very much involving church (5)
- 24 Very seductive woman starts to rouse several oldies (4,2)
- 25 Old woman making money in sport (8)
- 26 Artist seen as revolutionary type? (6)
- 27 Said what borderline exam submission might be (8)

DOWN

- 1 Like some ground in Bible story, not soft (6)
- 2 What professional chess player experiences may be a lifetime of ups and downs (9,6)

- 3 It's good to finish up in gym – to get rid of this? (5)
- 4 Nipper who shoplifts maybe? (7)
- 6 Teacher admitting it's no good talking incessantly (9)
- 7 Brazil creating problem? It takes a lot of sorting out (1,4,3,2,5)
- 8 Menacing nun is kept outside province (8)
- 11 Bird hit hard when ascending (4)
- 15 Mattress that's rocky could give you piles, alas! (9)
- 17 Most wretched footballer once admitting deficiency (8)
- 19 After moral offence kingdom's beginning to collapse (4)
- 20 Nonconformist wise men from east of London may introduce themselves thus, we hear (3,4)
- 21 Companion a day before death (6)
- 23 Actress or her father (doting adult) (5)

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