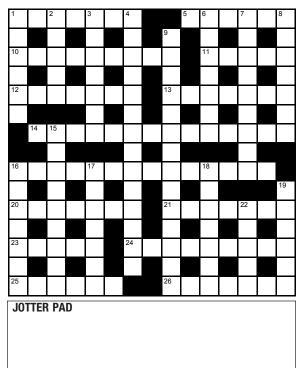
## **CROSSWORD** No. 13,823 Set by MONK



## ACROSS

- 1 Possibly major proposal blocked by one Conservative (7)
- **5** Initially, golfing inexperience meant missing easy shots such as these (6)
- **10** Mercenary once sheltered in retreat surrounded by Harry's foe (9)
- **11** About to introduce poor-quality satellite channel (5)
- 12 Italian footballer concerned with making a comeback? He once scored
- 13 Maybe reduce the training of runner in valley (7)
- 14 Poor coy nurse is having to depend upon a form for so long (5,9)
- **16** Dirk hiding daughter behind tree in family secret (5-3-6)
- 20 Settle, say, back on an island (7)
- 21 One ousted English chap gets little support (7)
- **23** Bug presidential office vacated by First Lady (5)
- **24** Agreeing to an undercover operation with most points covered (9)
- **25** Broadcast South Africa's attempts (6)
- 26 His efforts give comfort to hackers (7)

## DOWN

- 1 Presents topless chests (6)
- **2** Is affected by liberal charges for boxing (5)

- **3** Worker down under runs after sheepdog (7)
- 4 All-rounder in Saracens almost meant to be sent off (11,3)
- 6 Revises unseemly insobriety (7)
- 7 Down-to-earth sort with the support of many members (9)
- 8 Poet's fling covered in women's magazine? Quite the opposite
- **9** In which coupling may occur ahead of trains (7,7)
- **15** Without so much as a whiff of euros, sold out (9)
- 16 Fellow with cracked skin by ear? (7)
- 17 In Inverness, knew unknown president for a while
- 18 Outside boozer, former King Edward was amused (7)
- **19** I need bread or some full-English breakfast in the pub (6)
- 22 Material contribution to Fort William (5)

## SOLUTION 13,822

