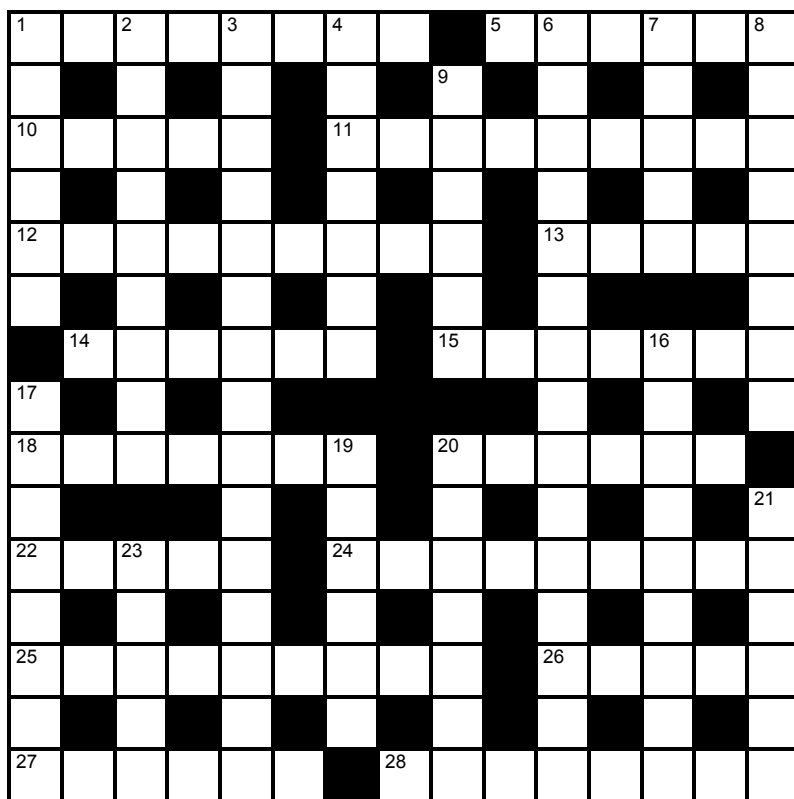


Soccer Team and Reserve

Twelve solutions have the same short word, sometimes but not always at the start. This short word is absent from the word play of the clue. Chambers (2011) is the primary reference.



Across

- 1 Partner welcoming freakish rain to soak food (8)
- 5 Perform work upon opening of large megalithic tomb (6)
- 10 Some banana chopped for Mexican food item (5)
- 11 Forthcomingness of nice men I'm circling (9)
- 12 Type of chilli recipe for central coordinators of TV programmes maybe (9)
- 13 Confused law pursuing debtor's slow lazy delivery (5)
- 14 School for decent admirable person stateside (6)
- 15 Informal word commenting on foolishness about heartwood (7)

- 18 Offspring returns with bit of Tequila alcoholic spirit; hypothetical cure-all (7)
- 20 Stimulating tip-off for sport involving horses (6)
- 22 Deadly snake's bite at first puncturing mother (5)
- 24 Noting essentially shoddy ornaments in French city, briefly close eyes (9)
- 25 Trick to block Scots seasoning (9)
- 26 Nasty snare approaches (5)
- 27 Disparage set exercise we're told (6)
- 28 British trouble principally tolerating delivery of goods in trust (8)

Down

- 1 Domestic servant mostly laid up (6)
- 2 Eccentric soccer hit skips along the ground (9)
- 3 Ludicrously naive cover notes of revised political ideology adopting more traditional attitudes (15)
- 4 Old car company's notable achievement (7)
- 6 Dizzy romantic idol in theatre ultimately acting in all different ways (15)
- 7 Special academy organisation for highly able people (5)
- 8 Irritating to have requirement for cod (8)
- 9 OED affording signs of some future event (6)
- 16 Story circling about

- good level of intellectual development expressed in years (6,3)
- 17 Hostile revolutionary implication; dubiously opt out (8)
- 19 The German skilled worker who repairs things (6)
- 20 Riot act about Italian cheese (7)
- 21 Semi-precious lignite mounted for rich fashionable people (3,3)
- 23 Lists of dishes available, as above (5)