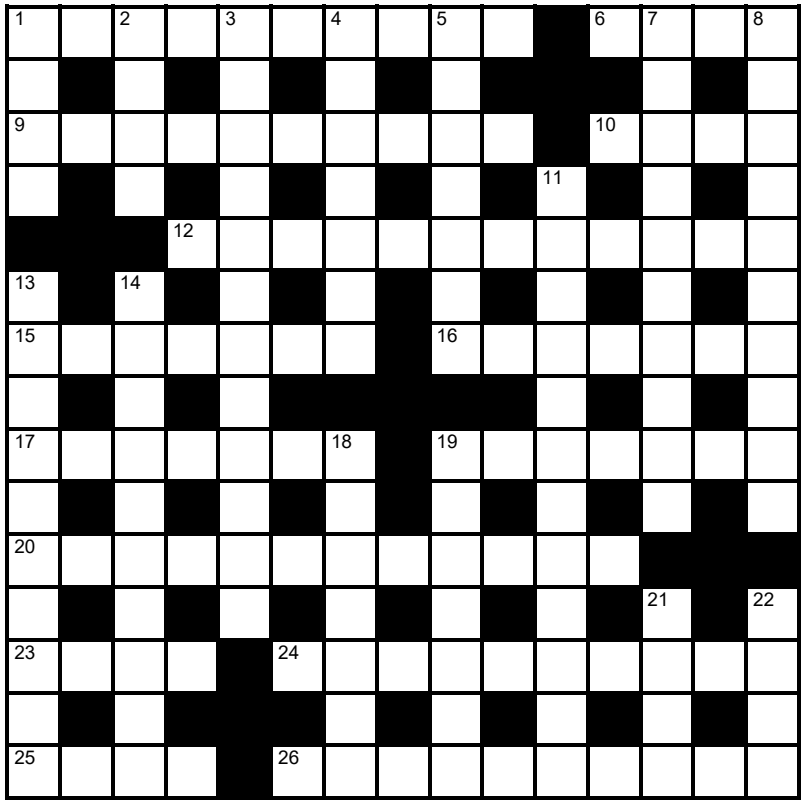
Rookie Corner 423 by Meles



Across

1 Heist organised by couple succeeded but it lasted ten years (3,7)

6 This woman died for Slough (4)

9 A circular field might be so used for a particular purpose (4-6)

10 One with explosive potential, concealed by quiet nature (4)

12 Flags arranged in various shapes, primarily pentagons (6,6)

15 Insect runs on sticky substance around pint glass (4,3)

16 Charlatan about to take over United in season (7)

17 They can choose role-playing over shock therapy (7)

19 French mathematician and swimmer? (7)

20 Doctor and former soldier boxing in a ring, half-cut (12)

23 Without heart, ideology becomes argument (4)

24 Stimulate excitation? (10)

25 Perch with special back for swallows (4)

26 New country estate includes section where ownership may be disputed (2-4,4)

Down

1 Some grass turned orange, possibly after I abandoned it? (4)

2 Heroines oddly overlooked for a really long time (4)

3 It blows up around violent sport - close to deliberately provocative (12)

4 Two quintets perform music together, getting tighter (7)

5 Comes out with English blends (7)

7 Inconsistent batter with duck (3,3,4)

8 Close bag by this street dealer, ultimately engaged in sketchy activity (10)

11 Instrument speeds up and it's initially different for audience (12)

13 Pants Bob reveals can be seen (10)

14 Irritation about setter lacking in thought (10)

18 Chance upon hit when driving (3,4)

19 Somewhat ornamental ogre pointing skywards is a garden feature? (7)

21 10's output left covering northernmost part of island (4)

22 Understand now but in the past embarrassed in audition (4)