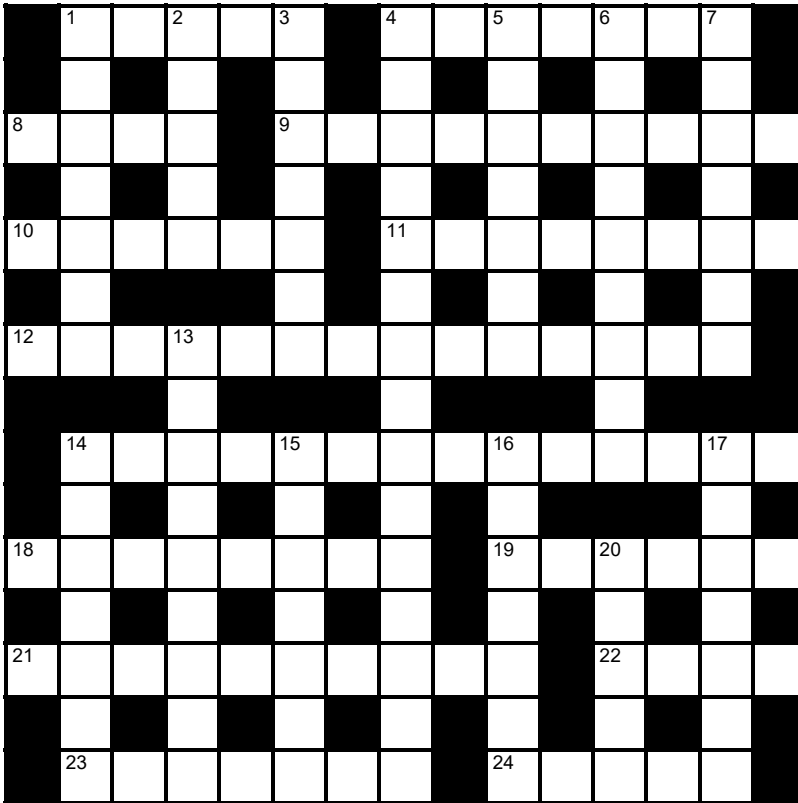


CROSSWORD

No 17,557 Set by MONK



ACROSS

- 1 Multinational capital rolled into football club (5)
- 4 Attitudes on setter's burdens (7)
- 8 Northern Ireland with both sides in semi final? No (4)
- 9 Sadly, 50% of "we care" banks respond impudently (6,4)
- 10 Call to action intermittently set back female (6)
- 11 Perhaps third squad reportedly prepare for gymnastics exercise (8)
- 12 Planning to get better inside, half of errant indigestion treated (8,6)
- 14 Article correct about media worker, say, supplying drug (14)
- 18 No way approve ambassador's lines (4,4)
- 19 Drivers en masse entering the old country (6)
- 21 Confinement, note, in a form of funeral (10)
- 22 Flirty girl in short little skirt wanting kiss (4)
- 23 Put out message when denied opening in court (7)
- 24 Basically misquote regularly selected hearsay (3-2)

DOWN

- 1 Dutch provincial, not available, is returning after one day (7)
- 2 Sort out bits of grammar analysis in *Our Mutual Friend* (5)
- 3 Some butter in tea bread (7)
- 4 With which flies can safely be undone in public? (6,9)
- 5 Mrs Grundy inspires Elgar's first two overtures? Just the one (7)
- 6 Aids those on bench, team checking one for inclusion (9)
- 7 Marshal notices division (7)
- 13 Most immoderate texts, mere fragments (9)
- 14 Property-transfer beneficiary originally called following a fabrication (7)
- 15 Not a time to sit in den — so busy (4,3)
- 16 Ranks Virginia, Georgia and a couple of Carolinas, for example (7)
- 17 Kings to avoid whisky? I'm afraid that's not possible (2,3,2)
- 20 Manx cat's weird, probably gutted (5)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,556

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