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ACROSS

- 1 Took in bitter liquid (6)
- 4 Truant's bagged 3ft jumper (8)
- **9** "Passed on" etc knowing cracking
- distillate decays sailing boat (3,6,6) 11 Straightforward, inherently honest, epitaph (3-4)
- 12 Rowdy, grating loud-mouthed duet shown the way out (7)14 They make Northern Division again,

18 Heavenly Father is half taken in by

- with record breaking baseball teams (3,8)
- **16** I can confirm poet's notes (3)
- 17 It's easy rating clubs (3)
- mother of Psyche (11)

 19 German seductress learning
- **19** German seductress learning Romanian's ready (7)
- 21 Deposit on return of a little file (7)22 North Acton perhaps unaccounted for
- by dispatch office? (7,2,6)
 23 Mafiosi hearing questions form (4,4)
 24 Opposing recital of poetry (6)
- DOWN
- 1 Always a 100% pass rate (7,4)
- 2 Sportsman arrested, he hates raising temperature: conclusion of case for acquittal (3.7.5)
- **3** Claim bank swaps tips about Sunday Special (5,4)
- 5 Long ready to fight for core of family growth area (7,6)
- **6** King agreed to go around northern butcher's (5)
- 7 Politician cryptically after very important data (5,10)
- 8 Right on, I get this cheer (3)
- **10** Apoplectic prison officer leaves employment prickling with fury (13)
- **13** Amount raised by college to check my postural aids (6,5)
- **15** Perversely accepts Lorde at Fringe show (9)
- 20 Invention in position (5)
- 22 Catcall divided IOW? (3)