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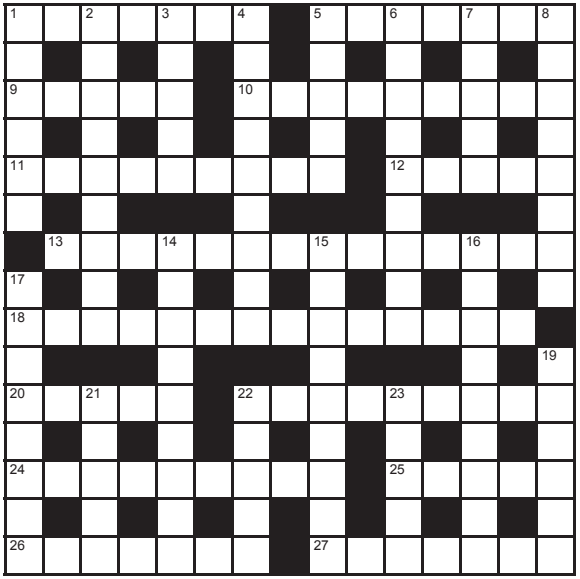
No. 15,987 Set by WANDERER

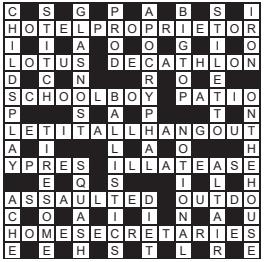


JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

1, 5 Actor that's given two boys a sort of swatter (7,7)
9 Sailor heads for original top deck (5)
10 Give eg morphine to Scot? Er … Ian, perhaps (9)
11 A little cricket game Liberal journalist decided against (9)
12 Returning soldier meets John in the White House (5)
13 Twin street with A-road? As a rule, that's unfair (6,8)
18 Gossiping with model five times, interrupting Gail getting off with Neil (6-8)
20 Fish not cooked in right oil, ultimately (5)
22 Sort of TV channel broadcast after 10, including return of ER (4-2-3)
24 Essential passages from old books Gail ordered, about sex (9)
25 Curious about one getting rowdy (5)
26, 27 More curious about women getting seduced by potentially great actor (7,7)

DOWN

1, 17 Bananas on toast? Lets rip – they're a source of gas! (6,8)
2 Came true? No doubt – not even questionable (6,3)
3 Start off season in team (5)
4 Most benevolent sort, in case where one is imprisoned (9)
5 Actor's back in cast? Just a small part (5)
6 Lament 10-0 thrashing, with feeling (9)
7 Shakespearean character ruining second part of King Lear (5)
8, 19 Our Father's earnest request that rain won't stop play? (3,5,6)
14 Welsh lake reportedly similar to a musical instrument (9)
15 Laughter as wife leaves tweet (gin drunk) (9)
16 Toughening up of Queen before beheading somewhere in London (9)
17 See 1
19 See 8
21 Topless rural walk, a leisurely one (5)
22 Binge beginning in French Quarter (5)
23 Friendly country dance, after exchanging two letters (5)

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