Crossword 15,767 Set by Goliath

ACROSS
1 As Britain was: Ali suffers (8)
5 12.5% extra wonder (6)
9 Struck with hotel fork in a relationship (8)
10 Rubber queen playing herself? (6)
12 Spanish girl heartlessly frolicking and having fun in the pool? (9)
13 Spirit of Van Gogh, ostensibly (5)
14 Not quite up to moment for a place to sit (4)
16 Lengthy lie over, bar the shouting (7)
19 Head for Rocky Mountains, after a fix (7)
21 Green for stop (4)
24 Intimate meal with no starter (5)
25 Scandinavian king briefly deposed by enfant terrible, buzzing (9)
27 Top five playing (6)
28 Wrong girl abducted according to reports (8)
29 Scrap band (6)
30 Had rusty wreck on which child will go far? (8)

DOWN
1 Firm bottom? That's rude! (6)
2 A telly production in recent times (6)
3 Cuts devil's takes: nothing to report (5)
4 In the morning girl is continent (7)
6 Kind of soldier, embracing left instead of right, turns into guerrilla (9)
7 Important to give this to Richard, but not all of it (8)
8 Perhaps their age is past (8)
11 Extremely unappealing (literally) (4)
15 How sniper shot into property (9)
17 Polishes right away suddenly can't be seen (8)
18 Border terrier's clothing: fine or foul? (8)
20 Ambassador has no love for sin (4)
21 Advance secures origins of best literature into print (7)
22 Not good as a candle (6)
23 In Copenhagen, cycling means business (6)
26 One's performance right to bag Oscar (5)

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