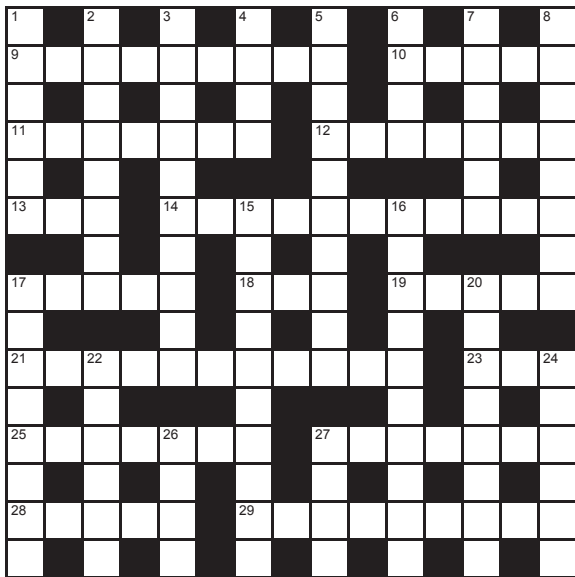


CROSSWORD

No. 16,089 Set by FALCON



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 9 Girl chess player, faultless (4-5)
- 10 Difficult years making one tough (5)
- 11 Building a target for event held on water (7)
- 12 Apprentice in series, keen at heart (7)
- 13 Drink with group of players no end (3)
- 14 Shopkeeper's beard has her worried (11)
- 17 In Pontefract, Eddy appeared on stage (5)
- 18 Employ trick right away (3)
- 19 Annoyance as card game curtailed (5)
- 21 Don't declare amount to be paid for a crowd control measure? (5,6)
- 23 Dicky in trouble (3)
- 25 Almost certain matter involves large balance (7)
- 27 One of three allowed on outing (7)
- 28 Oxygen required by huge Greek character (5)
- 29 Poet holding pipe recalled young lady coming out (9)

DOWN

- 1 A red line inside proofreading mark (6)
- 2 Senior relative in apartment, glaring (8)
- 3 Illuminated with it (8,2)
- 4 Operatic star keen to come over (4)

- 5 Quite rare, yet growing wild in former times (10)
- 6 Some overhead, but not this bird! (4)
- 7 Bishop organised church's regional office (6)
- 8 Exclamation from leader of pop band rejecting first love (2,6)
- 15 Disregard skirmish, notwithstanding (5,5)
- 16 Welcome rise (10)
- 17 A plea for help secures top fireproof material (8)
- 20 Question one, then hang traitor (8)
- 22 Sailor needing to achieve objective (6)
- 24 Character wanting to hire over short period (6)
- 26 Most important element (4)
- 27 Belch, perhaps, in play touring Belgium (4)

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