

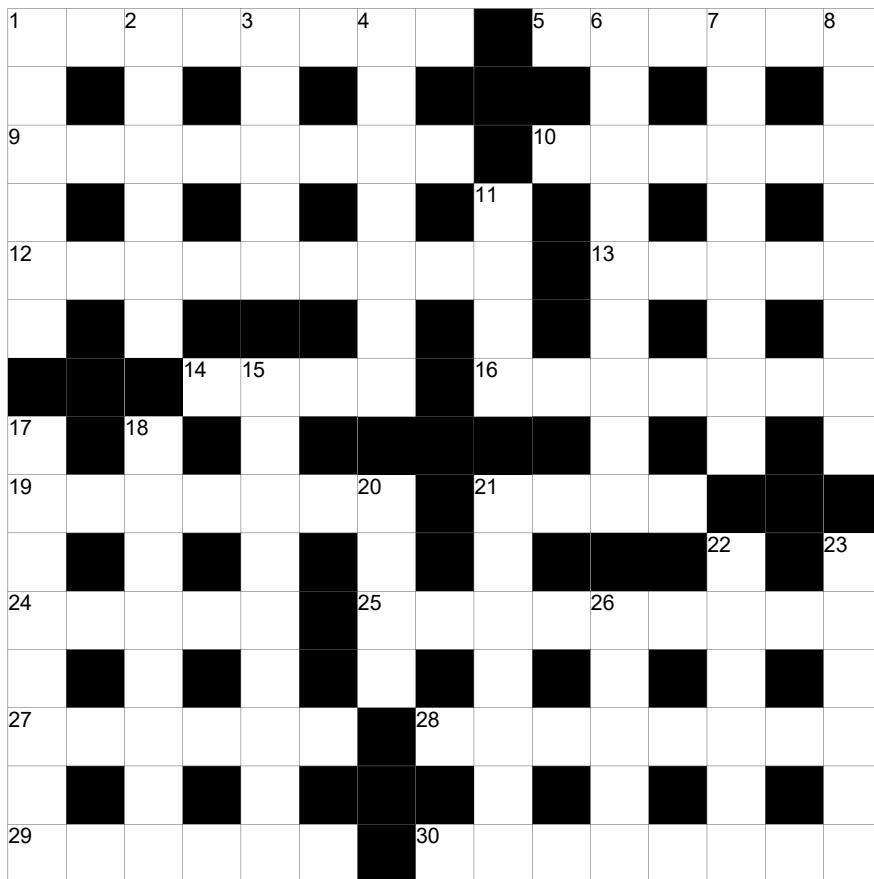
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ACROSS

1. Cliques of supporters holding court and gathering input and output (8)
5. Toper swallowing crude metal regulator (6)
9. Artist picked up by vehicle on route to plant (8)
10. Enhance retrograde puzzle with last pieces missing after German approval (4-2)
12. Plant fourth and fifth letters on international rugby player (9)
13. Scottish settlement fully on alert at the outset (5)
14. Jam about record (4)
16. AA motel served up foodstuff (7)
19. Locks shortened for mullet, say (7)
21. Purchases free passes reportedly (4)
24. Grain exposed by raising edge on a uniform (5)
25. Reporting to one pledging missing article (9)
27. Old bird is non-resident (6)
28. Soft ground drug many adapted for one who scares children (8)
29. Mounted horse in best rodeo (6)
30. Where to find patient play regularly toward the centre (8)

DOWN

1. Front to diminish around Canada (6)
2. My! One short article's sunny feature (6)



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3. Angry one to judge (5)
4. Close to sending information back about rainstorm (7)
6. Land labourers pry about as Etna erupts (9)
7. Animals look fixedly at small measure rising (8)
8. Highest sheets on board as pilots ascending (8)
11. Unravel naked setter, perhaps (4)
15. Incomplete enquiry into upcoming transfer glossed over(9)
17. Dogs beat favourites (8)
18. Lawbreaker's instrument on hill (8)
20. Note one thousand in wood (4)
21. Male voice with nothing on music producer (7)
22. Shot scum at remedial centre (6)
23. Type of business bringing an officer to outskirts of city (6)
26. Swelling problem in America held back by famed endocrinologist (5)