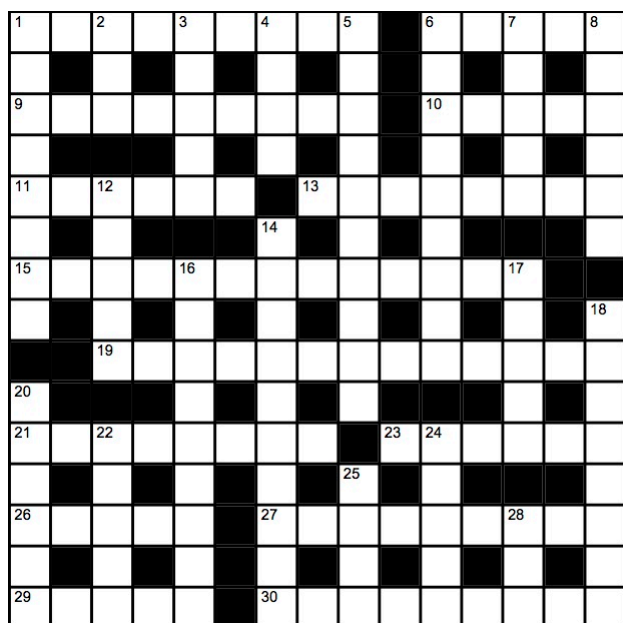


GENIUS 165 SET BY VLAD



Instructions

Eight solutions (four being of two words) comprise 6 across 29, which is clued without definition. Of the other clues, four across and four down contain superfluous words or phrases that provide either definitions or wordplay for the themed eight. The remaining eight definitions or wordplay are: board, deck games, fish, notes, religious image, song, supporter and World Cup winners.

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CLUES

ACROSS

- 1** See preamble
- 6,29** With money invested, assuming five hundred's a thousand (3,2,1,4)
- 9** Men get cold feet during attack — too much to lose in extremis (6,3)
- 10** One's struggle in the past with climbers crossing (5)
- 11** Domestic goddess is the new Nigella, ultimately (6)
- 13** See preamble
- 15** Auntie talks with Eric — the result's affected European agreements (5,8)
- 19** See preamble
- 21** African prime ministers head back home — is a struggle fitting in (8)
- 23** See preamble
- 26** See preamble
- 27** After training, golden boy enters boxer's quarters? (3,6)
- 29** See 6
- 30** See preamble

DOWN

- 1** Work for two solid hours at first in nude ... to endless delight (3,5)
- 2** Stop filming lovely short conductor (3)
- 3** See preamble
- 4** Open land to the north providing space — a function of the countryside (4)
- 5** Half-hearted plug double money game, initially showing annoyance (3-7)
- 6** One laughing about Welsh bird (9)
- 7** See preamble
- 8** Sharp practice over Anfield difficult to expose (6)
- 12** Pinch money when Miss goes out (5)
- 14** Note to self — second drink also spiked (10)
- 16** Give way over one department's balancing act (9)
- 17** Where Thomas lives is very clean, right? (5)
- 18** Destroying love letters, finished with new friend in spring (8)
- 20** More work leading to jams — road's up (6)
- 22** Russian about to arrest English moles (5)
- 24** Countryman's a picky eater — in perfect shape, consuming almost nothing (5)
- 25** Very keen to see past end of building (4)
- 28** Picked up crew where Americans fought, briefly (3)