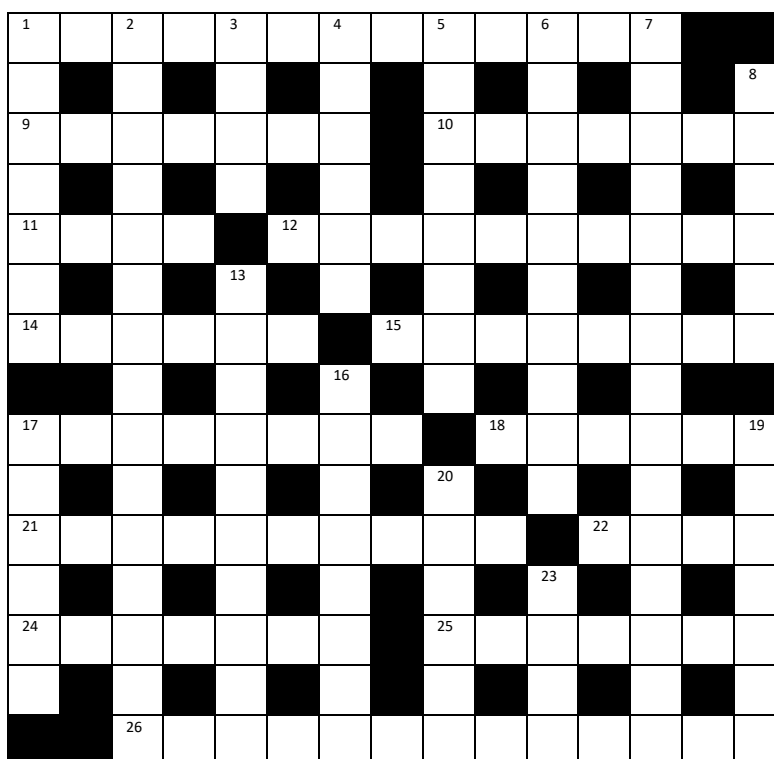


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- 17 Some selfish error by linesman with tackle (6)
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- 20 Find a plain bird at hairpin bend? Not hard (6)
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