

Read the story from page 28 of First News and then try the puzzle.

To help you, we have underlined the answers to the crossword puzzle clues in the story – but you will need to match the correct word with each clue!



SPORT NEWS



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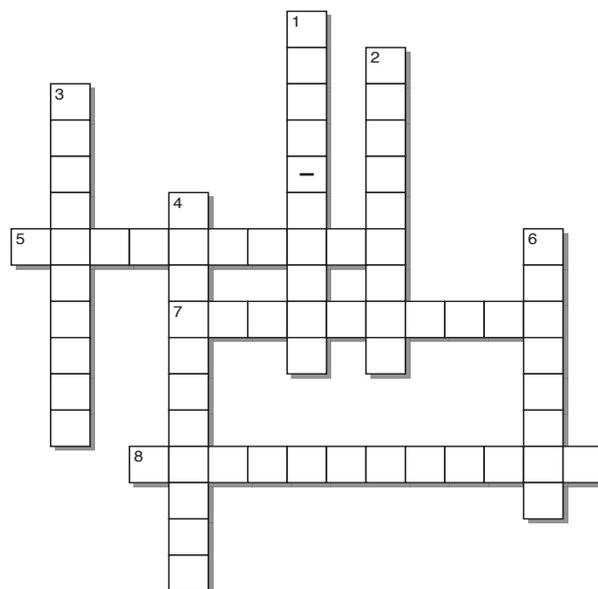


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