

## After Murali by Hemical

*The ten numbered bowlers were those who formed the top 10 in the Test rankings the day after Muttiah Muralitharan retired*

### Across

**8** Get rid of sailor who frantically oils his head (7)

**9** Bracewell and Wright, say, working for no. 5 (7)

**10** Redacts content of recommended IT solution (5)

**11** Commotion in King's Head before getting nasty fluff infestation (9)

**12** Richard Hadlee starts with a single wine region (5)

**13** Little brother's commercial for no. 10 (5)

**14** Second-rate American public transport (3)

**15** No. 1 still put back in tin (5)

**16** Island knockout succeeded (3)

**17** No. 3 is small, pale and nervous at first (5)

**18** Heard from umpire after half a dozen eggs (3)

**19** Great Australian all-rounder half-heartedly becomes runner (5)

**21** Fibre manufactured from tree (even in Burma) (5)

**23** Escorted by Solo, perhaps, supporter gets back on pilgrimage to no. 7 (9)

**25** The French spirit

comes back for Madagascan native (5)

**26** Train wearily afore falling over (7)

**27** Cut-throat audience accepts decay (7)

### Down

**1** Daphne regularly appearing in almost nothing for no. 6 (6)

**2** Prime cocoa stirred by The Mikado? (5,5)

**3** One intense mad genius! (8)

**4** Close relation eats tailless fish for no. 9 (6)

**5** Ought joint to be curtailed? (6)

**6** No. 2's exclamation of incredulity (4)

**7** No. 8 along with Prince Charles? (8)

**9** Judge groans, frustrated by sets of technical terms (7)

**14** Forger hacks limb off - about time! (10)

**15** Suffocates parent on board ship (8)

**16** Party-pooper in ecstasy after Caddick finally gets sick (7)

**17** Filled with lubrication, mismanaged

press show premature revelations of plots (8)

**19** Indian small-time predator (6)

**20** To go back on his word causes Engineer to lose heart and collapse (6)

**22** Cryptic indications of a thousand to the Spanish no. 4 (6)

**24** Partially misconstruing "devastate" (4)

