

*As the 2012 County Championship gets underway, a salute to current champions Lancashire, whose XI in the final match of last season can all be found in the grid. The word "Lancashire" has been omitted from a number of clues.*

**Across**

**1** Clear out herb garden and root around inside for opener (6)

**4** King and queen ring a troubled spinner (8)

**10** Garbled report featuring a hundred for batsman (7)

**11** Captain will crush sides with fruit (7)

**12** Complete child gets a half-century (5)

**14** Spinning very important, but journalist gets to the heart (5)

**16** First woman in bar with no hands (3)

**17** Source of water apt to change (3)

**18** Happen county championship is in our possession (5)

**20** Toss about, toss prices (5)

**22** Nomadic herds have a scrap (5)

**24** Surpass alfresco party (5)

**25** Bird seen in the North (3)

**26** Bad name for doctor swallowing uranium (3)

**27** A lot go in, carrying handbags to begin with (5)

**29** Forger keeping quiet about American university (5)

**30** Break down door of building with no walls smelling badly (7)

**32** Punctured after coming last, though looked fast (7)

**34** Inert, yet somehow lasting forever (8)

**35** Powerfully hits small insects (6)

**Down**

**1** Pie that is contaminated with virus, possibly (9)

**2** A place to shout about victory of troop in disarray (7)

**3** Back in the pavilion away from home (3)

**5** Restock regularly and so on (3)

**6** I leave yardie confused but prepared (5)

**7** Burrowers turn princess's head, not his! (7)

**8** Pleasant to capture base? It's all relative! (5)

**9** Enterprise shown on this when following top cricketer? (4)

**13** Upwardly-mobile model has unknown former captains (5)

**15** Be sorry for headless bird (5)

**19** Batsman proposing to be up in court (5)

**20** Angry birds going south instead of west (5)

**21** Canopies of stars above Greek underworld (9)

**23** Communist stood up with county emblem (3,4)

**25** Coiffure looks excellent on Roman Catholic in humble dwelling (7)

**26** Romeo mixes batter (5)

**27** Colour of hilltop before onset of night (5)

**28** Pig gobbles first all-rounder (4)

**31** What the court does with second computer system (3)

**33** Even sadism has a target (3)

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