

*This year marks the centenary of the first (and so far only) Triangular Tournament in Test cricket, played by England, Australia and South Africa. The leading run-scorer, wicket-taker and all-rounder for each country over the summer feature in the grid below*

**Across**

**1** Poets, not half cowardly, returning for leading batsman (8)

**5** Leading bowler replaces some of kitchen utensil's energy with force (6)

**9** Opener catches a fine return as leading all-rounder (8)

**10** Leading bowler covers last man with strips (6)

**11** Majestic in Singapore gala (5)

**12** Furiously tears into paper-seller (9)

**14** Vague-sounding leading all-rounder (7)

**17** Child, a friend in every respect (7)

**19** Ecstasy you and I give sheep (3)

**20** Maintains not-outs and sits around (7)

**21** Carried on about birds coming back before digging starts (7)

**22** Puts out uncommon description of man climbing after alien (9)

**25** Leading batsman limps, having lost most of one limb (5)

**27** One starts taking tranquillisers within reason as leading bowler (6)

**28** Legal actions carried

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**19** around holding briefs, say (8)

**29** Care about nothing as leading batsman (6)

**30** Leading all-rounder has boisterous fun with Earl Kitchener in the beginning (8)

**Down**

**1** He makes a lot of bread stealing note from a Goldman Sachs employee, perhaps (5)

**2** One girl is bewildered by competing belief systems (9)

**3** Casing for small inferno (5)

**4** Cut up over multiple sclerosis tests (5)

**6** Wastes ghastly eats after setter arrived back (9)

**7** Material to insulate the last snowmen (5)

**8** Did paint job and begged, following no time for relaxation (9)

**13** Change in legal terminology (5)

**14** Bird is pale, putting on first-class dress (5,4)

**15** US city's cliched small funeral (4,5)

**16** Agreements made with eyes shut to start with (5)

**18** Idiot will amble around before stoppage in play? (9)

**23** Poetry from Homer accelerates: I keep up to begin with (5)

**24** Diving equipment from small island (5)

**25** Fashionable pair of electricians stay here (5)

**26** Throwing weapon made of small fruit (5)