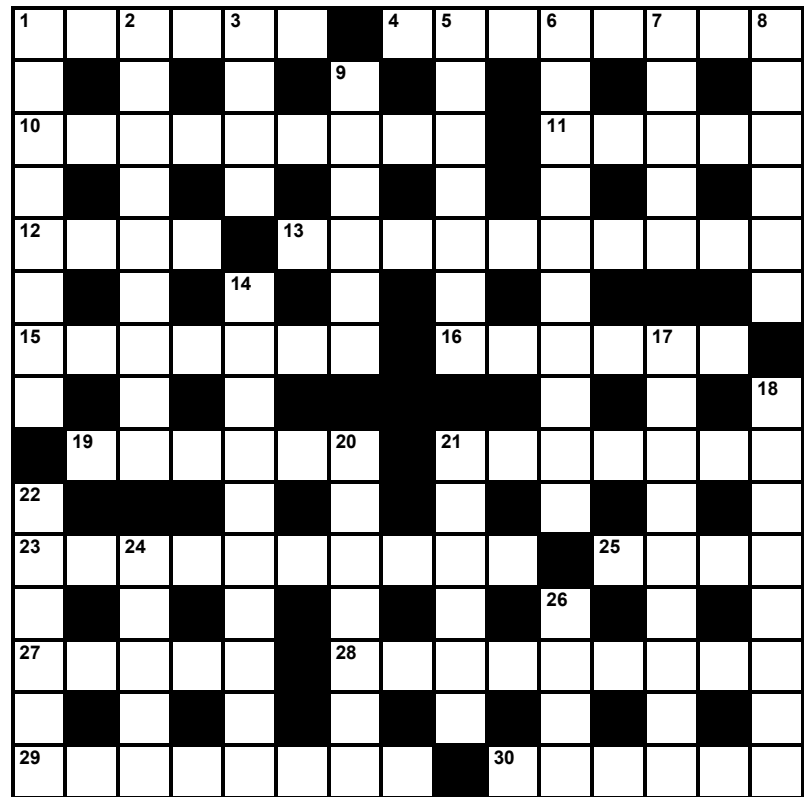


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The partnership records referred to are in Tests between England and West Indies. Fortuitously, but pleasingly, there are five from each team.

Across

- 1** Author collapses in stupor (6)
- 4** Maybe Rossellini is back in Galle, basically (8)
- 10** Return to gather around internet pest, bringing security guard (9)
- 11** Transmit highbrow content for co-setter of 7th wicket record in 1960 (5)
- 12** The beginnings of love and respect are seen in co-setter of 6th wicket record in 2004 (4)
- 13** Hobbits regularly sense us clumsily showing stupidity (10)
- 15** Co-setter of 4th wicket record in 1957 shy about you and I capturing physician (7)
- 16** Dreadful bore shipboard was co-setter of 5th wicket record in 1966 (6)
- 19** Disorganised rabble whose problem is with ring leader (6)
- 21** Long hidden, half decomposed co-setter of 9th wicket record in 1984 (7)
- 23** Weekly events are seedy and shabby in empty warehouses (10)
- 25/26** Force set poorly but incurring no penalty (4,4)
- 27** Bar entered after swapping parts (5)
- 28** Setter close to home, seriously! (2,7)
- 29** Co-setter of 8th wicket



- record in 1966 with joint in serious condition, we hear (8)
- 5** Composer co-setting 2nd wicket record in 2004 (7)
- 6** Invite alien to dance after second-rate game (10)
- 7** One has knowledge about river (5)
- 8** How the Lone Ranger looks as Silver eats Tonto's head? (6)
- 9** Blubbery core covered in skin is out of condition (6)
- 14** Uncomfortably warm: take a break before the French engage in a gripping contest (3-7)
- 17** Postponement as Egyptian god king faces danger (4,5)
- 18** One soldier with bad taste gets people riled up (8)
- 20** Journalist back at last, interrupting ceremony and getting the bird (3,4)
- 21** Hen, say, surprised to be co-setter of 1st wicket record in 1990 (6)
- 22** Having won sloppily, wanting gin cocktail (6)
- 24** Go mad about Matt Damon film (5)
- 26** See 25 Across

Down

- 1** Public pressure on a couple to mingle (8)
- 2** Shoot dismissed gangleader before argument leads to taking hostages (9)
- 3** Very unusual reason to stop play, co-setter of the 10th wicket record in 1966