Ashes Run-getters   by Hemical

The 10 players who have scored the most runs in Tests between England and Australia are defined by the year of their first appearance in the Ashes

Across

1 Solve 50 clues, dropping unknown 1924 player (9)

6 1978 player to travel west to the heart of 24 (5)

9 1928 player sees Egyptian god in high definition (7)

10 Supply more treated perique (2-5)

11 Marsh possibly covering a flat pitch (4)

12 Insectivore to go by air with household pet, meeting American singer (10)

14 Hairdressers like 6, say (8)

15 Eccentric discharge surrounding university (6)

18 1978 player on the side (6)

19 Bimbo met disaster when this exploded on schedule? (4,4)

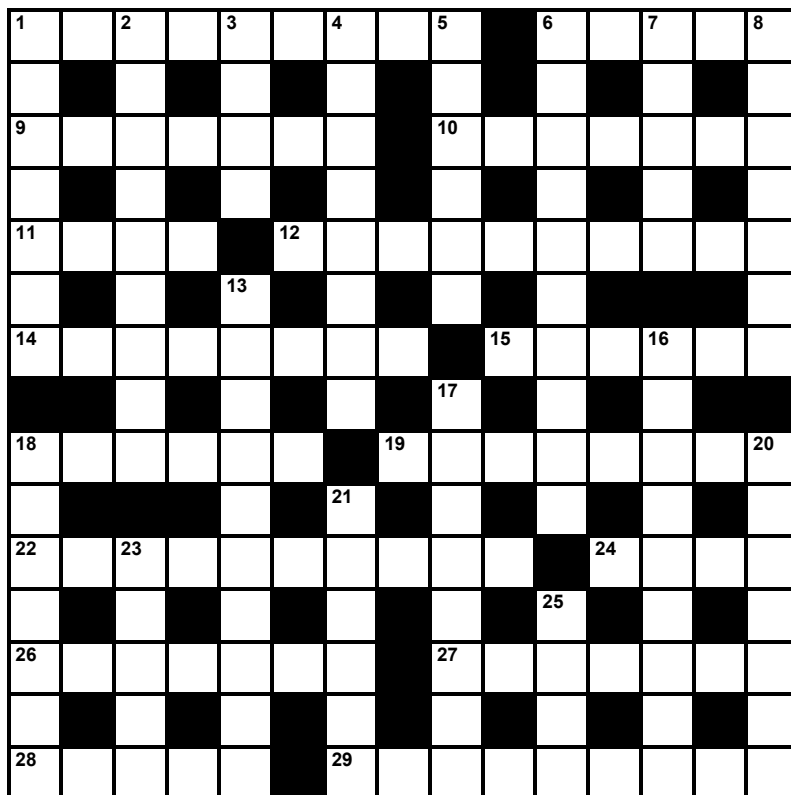**22** Fair-haired people handle boss badly (3,7)

24 To a high degree, courage lacks support (4)

26 The majority hesitate over battling the first criminal (from 27?) (7)

27 City fashionable in the past (7)

28 Smells Hebrew prophet with new head (5)

29 Most piercing soprano has some time in the worst of health (9)

Down

1 Special present - small balls! (7)

2 Cat spotted old solvers finishing supper for bookish boy (3,6)

3 Appearance of large circle satisfactory (4)

4 Castro has computers with unknown accuracy (8)

5 1964 player making journalist wealthy (6)

6 Dogs like Soren Kierkegaard, Niels Bohr and Hans Christian Andersen? (5,5)

7 1986 player has a month in Wellington Hospital to begin with (5)

8 News items about fortified wines (7)

13 Tableware team throwing petals around (4,6)

16 Walk before covering threatening sign on poster (9)

17 Len Rice's problem something to keep quiet (8)

18 1928 player a terrible fellow? About right! (7)

20 1964 player's child to bed on time (7)

21 Therefore taking note about small nighttime noises (6)

23 After losing foot, vagrant is given empty boots by 1908 player (5)

25 1896 player quite cold inside (4)