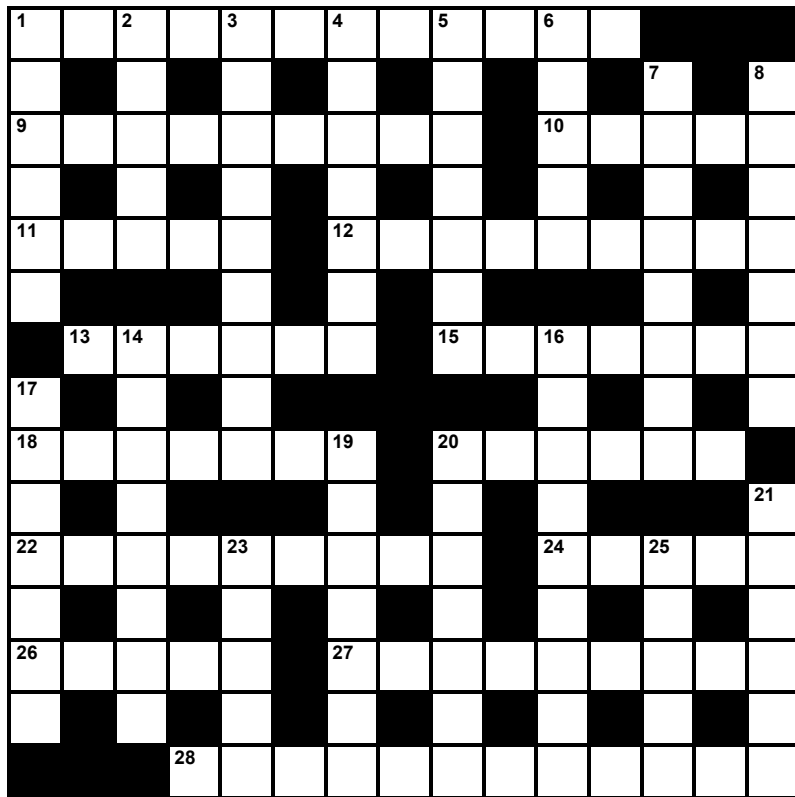


40 Years On *by* Hemical

The rankings given are those for Test batsmen exactly 40 years ago

<http://www.relianceccrankings.com/datespecific/test/?statype=batting&day=27&month=03&year=1974>



Across

1 7th= West Indian all rank poorly covering broken chair (12)

9 Being unwelcome won't end at being upset (3,6)

10 One with informal business for each Mediterranean island (5)

11 For computer manufacturer, some self-help pays back (5)

12 Time following a big name in brain surgery perhaps gives an initial advantage (4,5)

13 Small company procedures to make lots of ice cream (6)

15 Henry and his father returning to seaside attraction in a better mood (7)

18 Peacekeepers' assistant

died, having had no support (7)

20 1st New Zealander a spinner (6)

22 Drinks-carriers greeting odd bits of piffle with questions (9)

24 Deity returns to try lying low (5)

26 In the end, has no time for African mountains (5)

27 Trombone, for instance, that's essential to Florence's support (9)

28 Endorses bar notices (12)

Down

1 Keep after noisy helicopter as it heads for 11th West Indian (6)

2 Amazingly petulant soldier leaves, giving respite (3-2)

3 Canonised surprisingly quickly (2,1,6)

4 Headgear belonging to Guevara comes out of an egg (7)

5 6th Australian's blood-soaked road (7)

6 What can follow a swing and 3rd England player (5)

7 Put the finishing touches on higher-class falsehoods, we hear (8)

8 Disney perhaps hesitates to get 7th= Australian (7)

14 More than half of 15 put in prison by 9th and 10th Australians (8)

16 Humorous writers' pieces about World Cup matches (9)

17 5th Pakistani could quash Tom's rebellion, leaving nothing out (7)

19 Eccentric nuts bid for trashcan (7)

20 Raced around Belgian circuit with something in reserve (2,5)

21 23 berserkers, including 2nd West Indian (6)

23 Animal-catcher left fool with nothing (5)

25 Soldier has a bit of work to climb to 4th England player (5)