

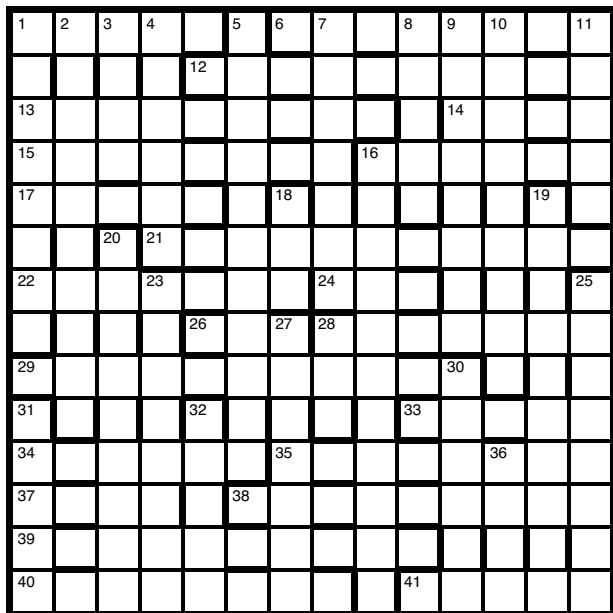
Crossword

2726 : Two against one by La Jerezana

Eight unclued entries include the names of an event and six who took part, and a memorial to one of them.

Across

- 1 Cushions lacking covers in many cases (5)
- 6 A postscript in court case with three recesses (8)
- 14 Druggie runs to the back in deceptive manoeuvre (4)
- 15 Declares bananas changed size (8)
- 17 Program united international military defensive support (5)
- 21 Song in favour of cage for birds (11)
- 24 Alternately sulky and sneaky (3)
- 26 Thugs regularly absconding with very large truck (3)
- 28 Reportedly chivalrous at the end of each day (7)
- 29 British cooking guru tucked into French onion braised in red wine (11)
- 33 English queen's revolutionary laxative (5)
- 34 Hamlet's old friend's ignoring rider's initial hunting cry (6)
- 35 Dried at first, then overflowed and spilled out (8)
- 37 Component of aluminium car (4)
- 38 Souls come to be tortured in Roman amphitheatre (9)
- 39 First impression of ruined Aleppo fort (5,5)
- 40 Religious festivals completely numb the senses, we hear (4,4)
- 41 Nancy's one swan let loose (5)



Down

- 1 Fire beyond mountains south of Forth (8)
- 2 Soon prefer different overseer (10)
- 3 Drinks case of tolerable Asti, half-cut (4)
- 4 Fungus extremely effortful amateur removed from football trophy (3,3)
- 5 Male visitor cycling round operational ploughs in cotton fields (4,7)
- 7 Prepares dough (7)
- 8 Musketeer's mount (5)
- 9 War artist's exclamation of disgust, burying bones (4,4)
- 10 Whisper of usurers at Barking (9)
- 11 Sailors entering field in Slough, near Argos (5)
- 18 Peeled local South American tuber (3)
- 20 Malta unit mobilised early in the day (9)
- 23 Insatiability of Victor and Oscar, rude about sex (8)
- 25 Some fussy, sad, minor IT expert (8)
- 28 Try supporting Macmillan at last, or Oxfam? (3)

- 31 Bodily fluid largely drained by postgraduate (5)
- 32 Hit high, edge finally caught by slip (5)
- 36 Jump of English ace breaking record (4)

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