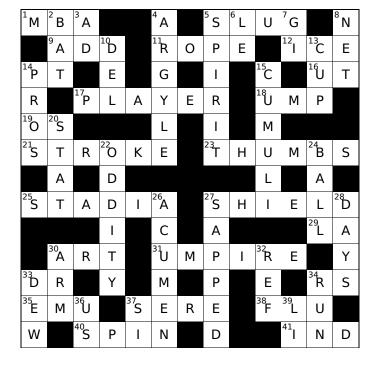
cricket

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- 3 an advertisement (2) AD.
- 4 a pattern composed of diamonds of various colours on a plain background, used in knitted garments such as sweaters and socks (6) ARGYLE.
- sporting _____ (behaviour and attitudes that show respect for the rules of a game and for the other players) (6) SPIRIT.
- 6 language engineering (2) LE.
- 7 short for gastrointestinal (2) GI.
- 8 Cricket __s are used by batsmen and bowlers to practice their cricketing techniques. They consist of a cricket pitch (natural or artificial) enclosed by netting on either side, behind, and optionally above. The bowling end is left open.

 (3) NET.
- 10 an operator used in vector analysis (3) DEL.
- 13 an ornamental trophy in the form of a cup, usually made of gold or silver and having a stem and two handles, awarded as a prize in a sports contest (3) cup.

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Across

- 1 Master of Business Administration (3) MBA.
- 5 to hit hard, as in boxing or cricket (4) slug.
- 9 join (something) to something else so as to increase the size, number, or amount. (3) ADD.
- 11 Used to mark the perimeter of the field (4) ROPE.
- 12 applied either directly or in a suitable container to cool an injured area as therapy (3) ICE.
- 14 the systematic use of exercises to promote bodily fitness and strength (2) PT.
- 16 Union Territory (2) ит.
- 17 a person taking part in a sport or game. (6) PLAYER.
- 18 an umpire (3) UMP.
- 19 operating system (2) os.
- 21 The batting player's act of hitting the ball is called a shot or _____ (6) STROKE.
- 23 the short, thick first digit of the human hand, set lower and apart from the other four and opposable to them (plural) (6) THUMBS.
- 25 an athletic or sports ground with tiers of seats for spectators (plural) (6) STADIA.
- 27 a sporting trophy shaped like a shield, consisting of an engraved metal plate mounted on a piece of wood (6) SHIELD.
- 29 used for emphasis or expressing surprise (2) LA.
- **30** the ___ of reverse swing is uncanny (3) ART.
- 31 (in some sports) an official who watches a game or match closely to enforce the rules and arbitrate on matters arising from the play (6)

 UMPIRE.
- 33 written abbreviation for doctor (2) DR.
- 34 abbreviation for rupees (2) RS.
- 35 a large flightless fast-running Australian bird resembling the ostrich, with shaggy grey or brown plumage, bare blue skin on the head and neck, and three-toed feet (3) EMU.
- 37 (especially of vegetation) dry or withered (4) SERE.
- 38 influenza (3) FLU.
- **40** a bowling technique in cricket, in which the ball is delivered slowly but with the potential to deviate sharply after bouncing (4) SPIN.
- 41 abbreviation for India (3) IND.

Down

2 a specialised piece of equipment used by batters in the sport of cricket to hit the ball, typically consisting of a cane handle attached to a flat-fronted willow-wood blade (3) BAT.

- 14 "professional" cricket players who make a living by playing cricket (4) PROS.
- 15 cloud forming rounded masses heaped on each other above a flat base at fairly low altitude (6) CUMULI.
- 20 Cricket is a sport that generates a variety of statistics. Statistics are recorded for each player during a match, and aggregated over a career (singular) (4) STAT.
- 22 strange/unusual (What reason would you give for the oddities of Cricket with that of other sport? Answer: There's a historical reason behind the oddities of cricket. Cricket was the earliest modern team sport to be codified which is another way of saying that cricket gave itself rules and regulations so that it could be played in a uniform and standardized way well before team games like soccer and hockey). (6) ODDITY.
- 24 A dark hard leather cover about 9 inches in circumference used in cricket. It consists of a cork core wound with string then a leather cover stitched on, and manufacture is regulated by cricket law at first-class level (4) BALL.
- **26** the ability to make good judgements and take quick decisions (6) ACUMEN.
- 27 gradually weaken or destroy (a person's strength or power) (6) SAPPED.
- 28 A day on which cricket is played, especially a dry, clear day which is perfect for cricket.(In plural) the __s in which one plays or is able to play cricket; (hence) the period of one's youth or active life (4) DAYS.
- **30** each of the two upper limbs of the human body from the shoulder to the hand. (3) ARM.
- 32 (in sports) a referee (3) REF.
- on the field that makes it hard for bowlers to grip the ball and control it. As a result, the team batting second can take advantage (3) DEW.
- 34 In cricket, a ___ is the unit of scoring. The team with the most runs wins in many versions of the game, and always draws at worst (see result), except for some results decided by the DLS method, which is used in rain-shortened limited-overs games when the two teams have had a different number of opportunities to score ___s (3) RUN.
- 36 used by a speaker to refer to himself or herself and one or more other people as the object of a verb or preposition (2) us.
- 37 the international system of units of measurement (2) sr.
- 39 a Chinese unit of distance, equal to about 0.5 km (0.3 mile). (2) LT.

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