

Game Time by Binder

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I'm here in Stamford to enjoy some fun at the ACPT ... but I'm also playing another game during my US trip.

In 7 entries, one cell is overloaded, and does not match its crossing entry - enter each instance of overloaded text beneath its conflicting letter. The first letters, and then last letters of the corresponding clues (in clue order) reveal the name of my game.

For more specific instructions for my game plan, check the remaining clues - they each contain an extraneous word (sometimes hyphenated) to be removed before solving. In a way to be determined, they will uniquely provide an order for the instructions - follow that order for an accurate representation of the eventual results of my game. The conflicting letters, in that same order, reveal a description for my game (but not the ACPT).

Take the full name of a particularly relevant spot in the grid, replace one letter with a number (you know the one), and apply the instruction to the grid by "moving" something on the left hand side to the right. The result (if you squint) will represent the players of a *different* game I will witness before ACPT, whose name is found in the *first* letters of the extra words.

That result is also relevant to (along with my game, your game, and the "relevant spot") a two-word clue found in the *last* letters of the extra words, as well as its answer (when referring to the spot immediately above your grid modification). That answer, while missing from my game plan, is also: phonetically, what you've done to this puzzle, and; literally, a synonym for the description you found, and the goal of my game!

Across

1. Competitors in high school versus the gutless packs going about (2 wds, abbr.)
7. O. Henry, say, or "Mr Piggish"? (2 wds)
8. Regular gifts for certain choronymic partners (abbr.)
9. Enjoy 50% of hexoctahedra items for role-playing before midnight
10. Irony-steep way of living with maths guru Terence
12. Negotiated a slum without Sister Sledge
14. I moon democrat leading the last three members of Chernivsti, Ukraine
15. Revolutionary leaders of Oldernburg trace second-rate duchy of Anhalt network addresses silently (2 wds)

Down

1. Type of image initially juxtaposing predators Gamera and Godzilla (abbr.)
2. North Cypriot cafe dominates stores in practice (even if not legally recognised) (2 wds)
3. Close to Oxenhall, Gloucestershire, central Barnsley, and the outskirts of Nuneaton?
4. 'Xanadu's prime features are a "cinematic plus"
5. Extensive search for a runaway mother and sister around hospital and central metro
6. Type of image initially spot-checked videotaping Uri Geller (abbr.)
10. Can you start itty-bitty, like a trident?
11. Peculiar, non-flying bird going back with half its eggs Benedict
12. Translation of India, sirs!
13. "Inception" star and "Lion" star Sony sign