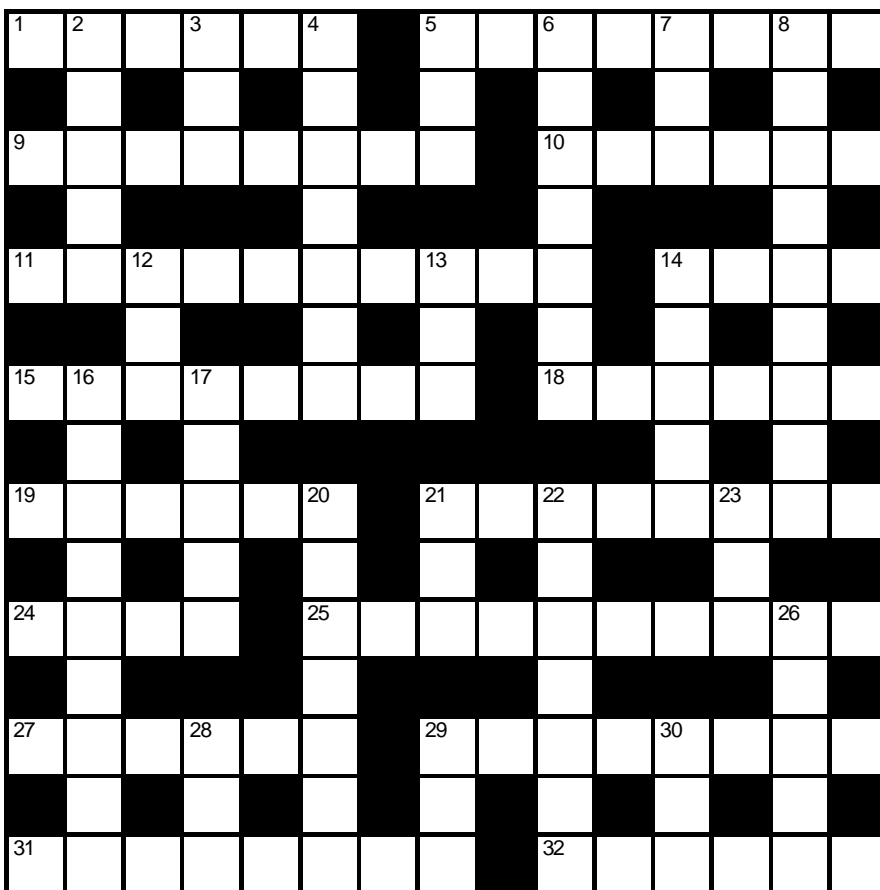


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Across

- 1 Trailing
- 5 Villanova mascot
- 9 1975 American League MVP
- 10 Melees
- 11 Won first Winston Cup championship in 1995
- 14 Hit the batter
- 15 At the back of the field, nevertheless?
- 18 Scored to force a tie
- 19 Fakes
- 21 Site of 2006 UAW-Daimler-Chrysler 400
- 24 Edgerrin James nickname
- 25 2002 Nascar Rookie of the Year
- 27 Like Chris Paul
- 29 Tire mishaps
- 31 1977 hockey comedy
- 32 When blown, can cause a DNF



Down

- 2 Yankee Hall of Famer Combs
- 3 Abbr. for non-conference school
- 4 Annual location of first Nextel Cup race
- 5 Took the checkered flag
- 6 Drivers Bobby or Terry
- 7 Minor basketball league
- 8 Track for Ricky Bobby
- 12 Like most athletes, physically
- 13 Former Lakers coach Harris
- 14 Buffalo's Super Bowl XXVII hustler
- 16 An NFL three-pointer
- 17 Stock Car Hall of Famer Irvan
- 20 Back, front, or home
- 21 Lawn Tennis Association
- 22 Shark's home
- 23 Boxer's hangout
- 26 Auto manufacturer _____ Martin
- 28 Barely defeat
- 29 Louisville Slugger
- 30 Association: abbr.