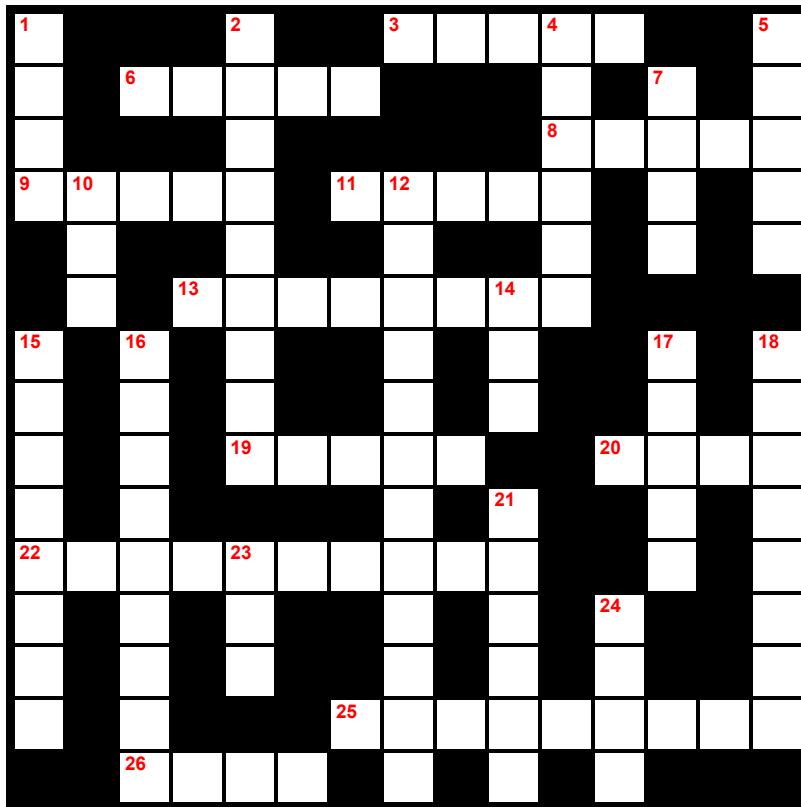


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Across

3 An area marked off for playing a sport. (5)
 6 Hard-hit overhand shot that forces the shuttle sharply downward. Badminton's primary attacking stroke. (5)
 8 A shot, similar to the lob in tennis, that is hit over the opponent's head, usually to a point near the back boundary line. (5)
 9 A shot, usually from near the net, on which the racket is not swung, but simply used as a "backboard" to return the shuttlecock. (5)
 11 By surprise (5)
 13 A shot on which the frame of the racket strikes the base of the shuttle. Formerly illegal, but legalized

in 1963. (4,4)

19 The illegal act of catching the shuttlecock on the racket and then sling it rather than striking it. (5)
 20 The shuttlecock. (4)
 22 A doubles formation in which each partner is responsible for one side of the court. (4-2-4)
 25 Front third of the court, between the net and the short service line. (9)
 26 A smash from near the net. (4)

Down

1 Facility for playing and get-together. (4)
 2 Back third of the court, in the area of the back boundary lines. (4,5)
 4 Sports bat. (6)
 5 The illegal act of

catching the shuttlecock on the racket and then sling it rather than striking it. (5)
 7 Relating to air. (4)
 10 A legitimate cessation of play to allow a rally to be replayed. (3)
 12 An area in the centre of the court where a singles player usually wants to be positioned after each shot. (4,8)
 14 A shot that leads the shuttlecock away from the court boundary. (3)
 15 A soft shot on which the shuttlecock is gently pushed, with little or no wrist action. More commonly used in doubles than in singles. (4,4)
 16 A doubles formation in which one partner

is basically responsible for shots near the net, while the other is responsible for shots nearer the baseline. (2-3-4)
 17 Carry. (5)
 18 The middle third of the court, halfway between the net and the back boundary line. (8)
 21 One of the persons who compose a team or club. (6)
 23 A common name for the racket. (3)
 24 A shot hit softly and with finesse to fall rapidly and close to the net on the opponent's side. (4)