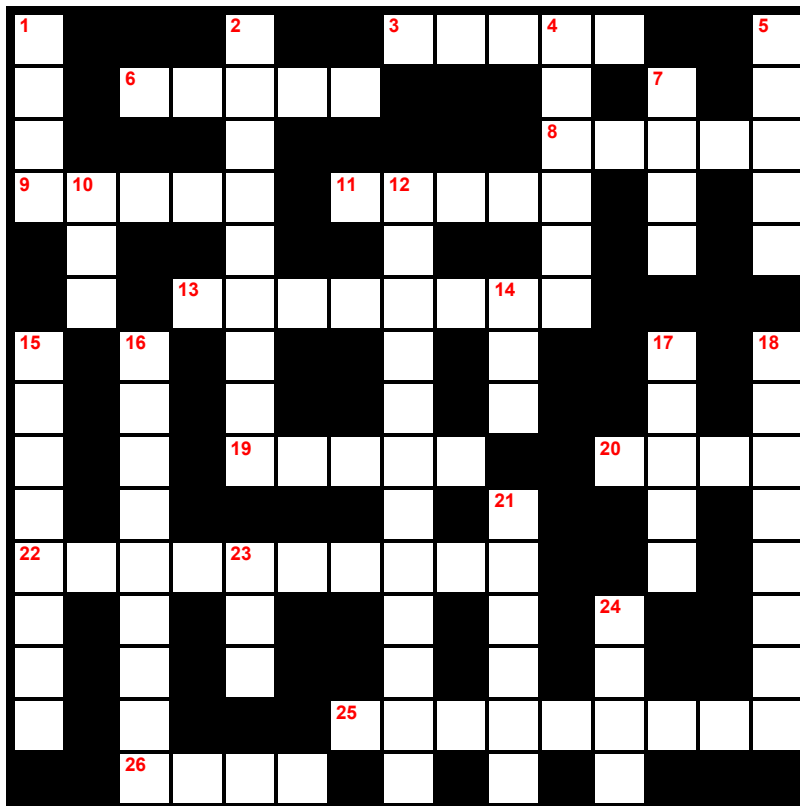


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Across

- 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 slinging 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 slinging 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)