

FISO'S CHRISTMAS 2015 MONSTER CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. US law enforcer returned and made final for what some footballers did. (8)
5. Sneak a look back to emergency room and see the number 1. (6)
7. The keeper of 'middle of nowhere' art. (4)
11. Scattered rains at the City of Manchester. (5)
12. 2 below 6 down. Could be bald. (5)
15. Fluff over match for what footballer may damage. (8)
18. Rapid golden American or old rapid-fire gun losing a gram. (6)
20. Was hothead out for rained-off cricket match? (7)
21. Bizarre bar trend at Southampton. (8)
22. Ordinary writer won by Zach. (4)
23. Kingsley has eyewitness facial image for lucrative match. (7)
24. Article for golfer from Seoul. (2)
25. Administrators of Forest Football Club up North. (7)
27. A match perhaps for someone like Kane? (7)
28. Official testimonial without nitrogen and carbon. (7)
29. The home to dragons located in New Cross, South-East London? (3)
32. Feminine bra undoing takes ages about midfielder. (8)
35. Don't over extend this or you'll get a right ache all over. (5)
36. Time for a football match? (6)
- 37a & 43d. Husband plus old Scot for team you select. (4,4)
38. Take Russian direct debit for keeper. (4)
39. Time passing falling asleep. (6)
40. Confused scuffle with the Spanish European in me. (5)
44. Upset contents and me taking married male for the holy orders. (3,12)
47. Delight a player that's a puzzle paper. (5,9)
48. Lamela first sees the start of energetic run into kop. (4)

DOWN

1. Upset organ used with angle for this exciting set piece. (9,6)
2. Selfishly centred with nothing is where we're at. (4)
3. Inspecting the inside of snails with the tip of your finger. (4)
4. Star Trek character needed for analysis. (4)
5. Harry, sounds like you might have needed this for school discipline. (4)
6. But on the course it's better if you're below this than above. (3)
8. Along came this person from Britain! (5)
9. Form of cricket in which score is doubled. (6,6)
10. Hot seat for hot drinks. (4)
13. Sportsmen retold the tales. (8)
14. A common Chinese family name (non-cryptic). (3)
16. Run West star astride horse. (6)
17. Deal over whistler's new art that's revolutionary. (8)
18. Courtier's victory? (4, 3, 3, 5)
19. Half score before point is added for this sport. (6)
21. A pro from Chicago cooked bare! (4)
25. Found this colour incredible. (3)
26. Region in shareable agreement. (4)
30. Crystal site conceals article. (6)
31. Type of education from geography. SI calculator is not needed. (8)
32. Locate female heart of minds. (4)
33. 11a in football and 15a in rugby. (4)
34. Chambers put off going round goal. (8)
41. Drop vomit losing victory. (4)
42. Gamble on a testing game? (4)
43. See 37a.
45. Trouble seen in trailer. (3)
46. Slur in pedigree. (3)