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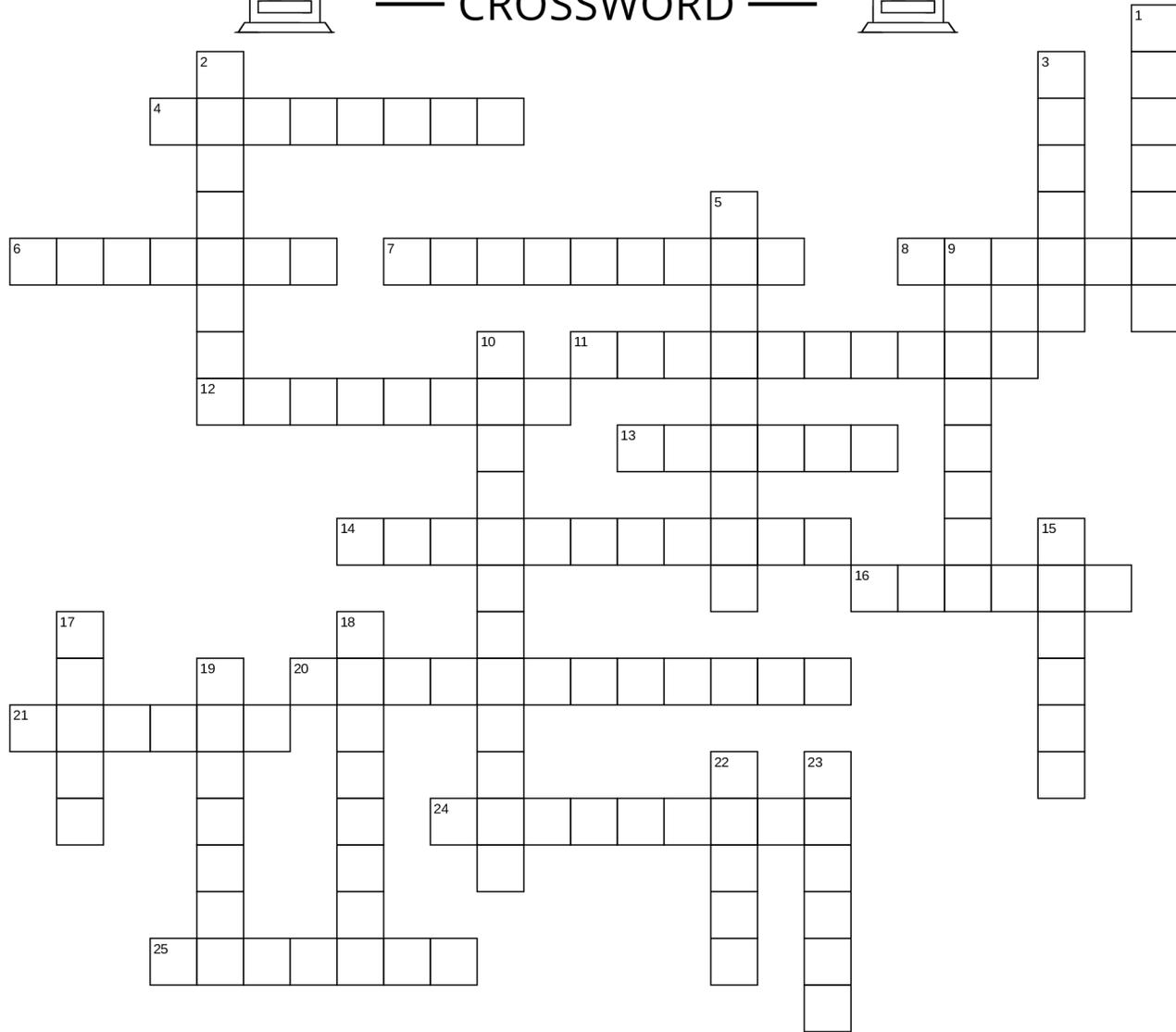## — CROSSWORD —

ACROSS

4. Hard, swung shot of the puck in hockey.
6. Hockey restart where two opposing players battle for the puck after a drop.
7. Infielder positioned between second and third base who fields many ground balls.
8. Player assigned to guard the net and prevent shots from crossing the goal line.
11. Football player who stands behind the line on defense.
12. Basketball shot where the ball is pushed down through the hoop.
13. Official in baseball who calls plays and outs.
14. Offensive leader who calls signals, takes the snap, and usually throws passes in American football.
16. Sports shoes with studs on the bottom to give better grip on grass or turf.
20. Final series or match that decides the top team or player in a league or tournament.
21. Hard hat worn in sports to protect the head.
24. Score in football made by taking the ball into the end zone..
25. Players whose job is to stop the other team scoring.

DOWN

1. Designated area where relief pitchers warm up before entering a baseball game.
2. Series of elimination games where top teams compete for a place in the final.
3. Quick on-field meeting where players gather closely to hear the next play.
5. Situation in hockey where one team has more skaters because the opponent has a player in the penalty box.
9. Extra period added when the score is tied at the end of regular play.
10. Play in which a defensive player catches a pass meant for the opposing team's receiver.
15. In baseball, a pitch the batter misses or does not swing at correctly; in bowling, knocking down all pins with one ball.
17. Main playing surface where the action of a game takes place.
18. Athlete or team that finishes first and holds the title after a major contest.
19. On-field official who enforces rules, signals fouls, and confirms scores.
22. Person who plans training, sets tactics, and directs players from the sidelines.
23. Baseball segment in which each team has one turn at bat and one in the field.