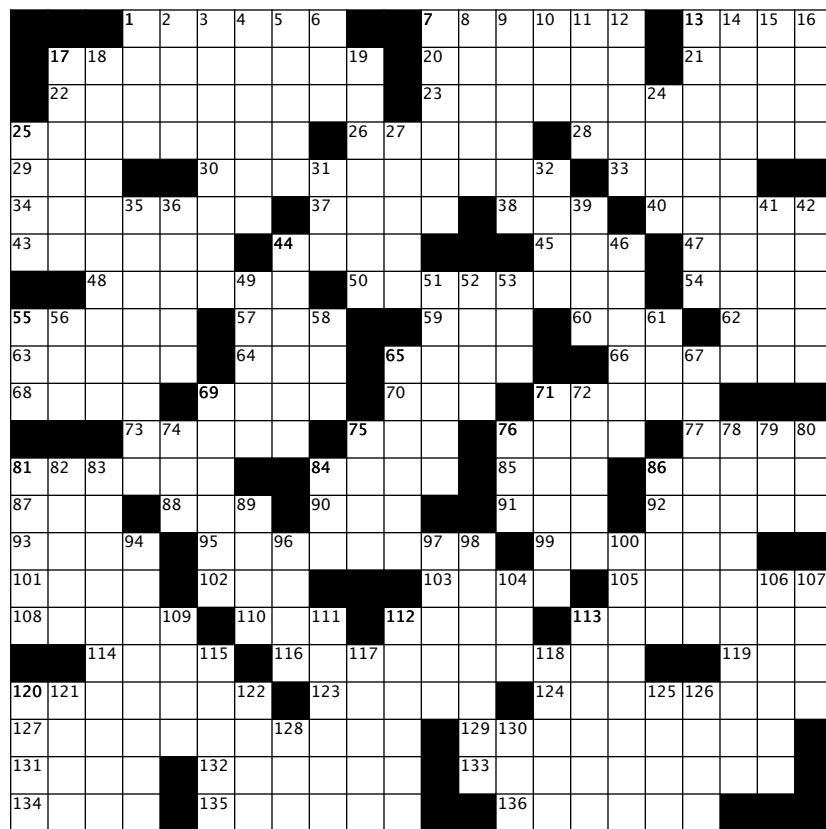


Endgame

Ross Trudeau

ACROSS

1. St. Petersburg neighbor
7. Snippet I hope yule refrain from singing 'til 12/1
13. Ride that often gets towed
17. Uranus and Neptune
20. Nike rival
21. Harvard rival
22. Family play time
23. Logic game on an 8x8 board found in today's grid
25. Consist of
26. "Rocketman" role
28. Decadal reunion
29. Consumed
30. S.F. Gay Men's Chorus components
33. Persians stretched out on the floor?
34. Pro douser
37. Speaks a little Persian?
38. "... you get the gist"
40. Mazda two-seater
43. Less fresh
44. Give for free, as a casino hotel room
45. Bar in a "cage"
47. Fades
48. Former NBA MVP Russell
50. Black carbon residue
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55. Voting coalitions
57. "Through the Looking-Glass" monarch
59. Dressing to the nines (in)
60. -
62. College, Down Undah
63. "___ is the old age of youth": Victor Hugo
64. Gushy poem
65. Boulder climber?
66. Beam overhead
68. Doesn't guess, say
69. Stretching one's legs
70. Like hocked items
71. Spindly
73. Suck-up
75. MSNBC's Melber
76. Bloom's "Pirates of the Caribbean" co-star
77. Like quads on moving day?
81. Reverses
84. Scans you might get a Xanax Rx for
85. Perrier, par exemple
86. First word in the Beach Boys' "Kokomo"
87. "___ voyage!"
88. Sorority "P"
90. "Aye" screwed up?
91. Reply alternatives, on Twitter
92. "Artoo ___, you know better than to trust a strange computer!": Threepio
93. Mouth-y?
95. Actors who get top-billing
99. Narwhal relative
101. "___ way!"
102. Time piece?
103. Silence, as a Zoomer
105. Tons
108. "Riverdale" network
110. OAK alternative
112. It's a race!



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113. One up on a subway?
114. First name in the MCU
116. World tour picture book
119. It_ a po_a_oid camera
120. Stop sign, e.g.
123. The 'gram
124. Golfer referenced in >30 NYT xwords since 2012
127. Prompt to open the 23-Across in today's grid
129. Fastest solution to the 23-Across in today's grid (see 10/16/22 puzzle notes on rosswordpuzzles.com)
131. Queue
132. Dope party assessment
133. Initiatives with signatories
134. Droops
135. Academic conference events
136. Met, as a challenge

DOWN

1. Election canvasser, e.g.
2. Smoking or stress
3. Mobil store, say
4. Slangy pal
5. Harpist with a ring light?
6. ___ degree
7. "The hard truth being ..."
8. Latin "to this"
9. Many a homeowner
10. Sponsored content, e.g.
11. Go the distance
12. According to
13. Celestial alignments
14. Lounges around
15. "First Lady of Song"

16. Does in the forest
17. "Mine" amidst the Rockies?
18. Cinematography
19. First Black filmmaker to win a Best Picture Oscar
24. One on ones
25. Half-___ (coffee orders)
27. Like SO not basic
31. Brooding aesthetic
32. Petting, as a lap cat
35. Makes a call
36. Drama-heavy
39. "Peace, fellow Pisan!"
41. Ram, as a Ram?
42. Getting the lead out
44. In a twisted manner
46. DVD alternative
49. Sweeping
51. Total stud
52. Come back after dying, as in a video game
53. Vax booster units
55. Designer's deg.
56. "Por qué no ___ dos?"
58. Faking out, as a hockey defender
61. Mai ___
65. Singer Makeba
67. It's fired by a castaway
69. Words on a muddy Mustang
71. Fired by a maître d', say?
72. Upcycle
74. Opposite o' 'neath
75. Vicinity
76. Hit with a sir charge?
78. Like customized garments
79. Network with a logo meant to evoke a camera lens
80. 7'6" Ming

81. WWII vessel
82. Up, on a map ... and the direction of attack for the opening side in today's 23-Across
83. Means of determining if you have an issue?
84. "I bow before you, girl!"
86. Actress Uzo
89. Propellers for a crew's ship?
94. Prepares for a newborn arrival, in a way
96. Craft found in this clue
97. "Nice to ___ you!" (Zoom greeting)
98. Source of indoor rays
100. TV talk show time
104. Contentious ring decision, at times
106. Yo-Yo strings?
107. Hims & ___ (telehealth company)
109. Worker's compensation
111. Maryland state bird
112. Tubes on consoles
113. "Best believe!"
115. Stiff penalty?
117. Munition, somehow, for Wile E. Coyote
118. Reach
120. Birds with tawny and snowy varieties
121. "Furry" "pet"
122. ___ bene
125. Not yet knocked out
126. Cameroun/Barcelona soccer legend Samuel
128. Windows ISP
130. Word on a commercial Cork board?