



AVCX CLASSIC

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"Power Players"

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Difficulty level: ●●○○○

ACROSS

- 1 Read 'em partner
- 5 It's lighter than whole
- 9 Splits in the fold
- 16 "The Good Dinosaur" protagonist
- 17 Somewhat, in some music
- 18 Bread eaten after saying the hamotzi
- 19 Angels star who hit five home runs in a five-game series this past June
- 21 Member of an alliance, perhaps
- 22 Remove, as a harness
- 23 Impedance unit
- 25 Pizza unit
- 26 What I might turn into, when a queen speaks
- 28 Protection providers
- 31 Electronics company owned by Panasonic
- 34 Softball legend who struck out 13 and gave up one hit in eight innings to help the US win gold in 2004
- 36 Thurman with a Golden Globe
- 37 Tours pop
- 39 Level before coach-pitch
- 40 Hudson River School painter George
- 42 Papadam alternative
- 43 Broadway discount letters
- 47 With 51-Across, skating icon who landed a 900 on a vert ramp in 1999
- 48 WNBA great who once scored 14 points in the last six minutes of a game to save a playoff series
- 51 See 47-Across

- 52 Cause to visit an ophthalmologist
- 53 Selena's "Baila ___ Cumbia"
- 54 French president's palace
- 56 Deaf "Sesame Street" cast member
- 58 Capital city of the Mughal Empire
- 60 Take down, as with an axe
- 61 UConn titan who dropped 32 points in her college debut
- 65 Fools
- 67 Provide with threads
- 68 Where K-I-S-S-I-N-G occurs
- 70 Clash, in England
- 71 Astronaut, doctor, and "Star Trek: The Next Generation" actress Jemison
- 72 More vigorous and strong
- 76 Steal the spotlight from

- 80 Dialed-up state for athletes, and a hint to this puzzle's theme entries
- 82 Like some city parking
- 83 "My turn to chase people"
- 84 Had a balance
- 85 Wild horses
- 86 Substantial, as a sum
- 87 They might be nonstick

DOWN

- 1 Bank that went under during the subprime mortgage crisis, for short
- 2 Moran on "Happy Days"
- 3 Animals called waapiti, in Shawnee
- 4 Nikki Giovanni's craft
- 5 Ocean ___
- 6 Villainous Super Smash Bros. child whose first name is Morton

- 7 Acute treatment wing: Abbr.
- 8 Soul label with an in-house finishing school in the 1960s
- 9 A phone call that begins "Hi, this is Mary from the IRS," probably
- 10 Energy in Chinese medicine
- 11 "It was so funny I forgot to laugh"
- 12 Societal problem
- 13 Low-key mention
- 14 Hit single from "Flashdance"
- 15 "Good grief!"
- 20 They may be rallied
- 24 Japanese porn category
- 27 Dub reggae pioneer Perry
- 28 Walk without direction
- 29 Huge initials in American union history
- 30 Given to cursing a lot, as a mouth

- 31 They might be tailored to you
- 32 "Nuh-uh, you can't be talking about me"
- 33 Female goat
- 35 Skyscraper piece built to resist buckling
- 38 Magazine that hosts a Black Women In Hollywood awards ceremony
- 41 Hole for a lace
- 42 Org. likely to try to unite LeBron and Bronny
- 44 Kellogg's whole grain brand
- 45 "HELP ME PLEASE. A MAN NEEDS HIS NUGGS," e.g.
- 46 Is biased?
- 49 Dietary guideline provider: Abbr.
- 50 And others, in footnotes
- 55 Hottest off the presses
- 57 "___ liebe dich"
- 58 Org. that somehow has not yet taken away Rudy Giuliani's license
- 59 Knew someone?
- 61 Countercultural cartoonist who created Mr. Natural
- 62 One skipping the sangeet ceremony, say
- 63 Greets with reverence, in a way
- 64 At all
- 66 Janitorial need
- 69 Out of practice
- 71 Stuff in a SMTWTFs case, perhaps
- 73 Indigenous Oklahoman
- 74 Talmud garden
- 75 Malbecs and merlots
- 77 ___-speed bike
- 78 Story's path
- 79 Cache starter
- 81 Onetime label for Bowie

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