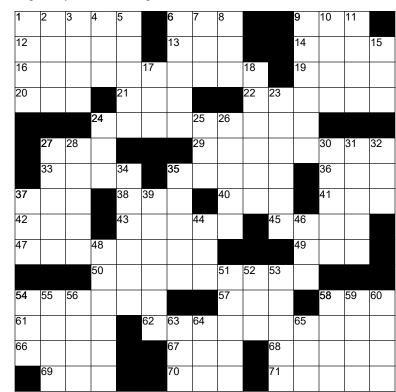
Starting Rotation

The answer to this week's meta is someone who might be part of a starting rotation.

ACROSS

- 1. Pull strings?
- 6. Miner's yield
- 9. Company that merged with WWE earlier this week
- 12. ____ of Cawdor (title for Macbeth)
- **13.** Word before fever or bale
- 14. ____ bargain
- 16. Settles a legal dispute
- **19.** First name of a poet whose work appears prominently in "Dead Poets Society"
- 20. Take to court
- 21. "Just Like Paradise" band
- 22. Functional
- 24. Chief executive officer, often
- 27. "In what way?"
- **29.** It's two keys to the right of "Delete" on many keyboards
- 33. Soon, poetically
- **35.** Habeas corpus and certiorari, for two
- 36. HBO competitor
- 37. That's pretty slick!
- 38. AP competitor
- 40. Grind ____ halt
- **41.** Sought not to be sought, perhaps
- **42.** Some World Cup games are decided by them: Abbr.
- 43. Poet Ernst Moritz _
- **45.** "I ____ for the future" (line from "Ferris Bueller's Day Off")
- **47.** Neighbor of a Chadian
- 49. Western defense grp.
- **50.** Certain Pac-12 athlete
- **54.** Last two words of a Hemingway title
- **57.** Component of gender-affirming care, for short



- © 2023 58. Capital of
- Pennsylvania? 61. Word that represents
- "addition" in a common mnemonic
- **62.** One of several buildings at Smith College
- 66. 8-Down affliction
- **67.** Bit of an "overnight" meal
- 68. Dark
- **69.** Fashion designer France
- **70.** Result of a successful at bat
- **71.** Falls short (in comparison)

DOWN

- 1. Grand Central and
- Union, for two: Abbr.
- 2. Drive-____
- 3. Broccoli
- 4. Brit's college
- 5. Movement founded by Tarana Burke
- 6. Namesake of a Chicago airport

- 7. Snitch
- 8. Body part with rods and cones
- **9.** In the direction of the heavens
- 10. Beer belly's composition
- **11.** Mitochondria's domain
- 15. Feasted
- 17. Spit like Cardi B, say
- 18. Serenaded
- 23. Playground fixture
- 24. "A Tale of ____ Cities" (Dickens novel)
- 25. Loan letters
- 26. Bonnie who won Song of the Year for "Just Like That"
- 27. Kato Shuson's "I kill an ant / and realize my three children / have been watching," for example
- **28.** Tripping, in a way
- **30.** Ice Cube's first name
- 31. Rides
- 32. Sign of approval

- Subtle difference
- **35.** ____ title (becomes a champion)
- 37. Covert ____
- **39.** Undergraduate program for a future attorney
- 44. Secretary of the Interior Haaland
- 46. Long, long time
- **48.** Jane who wrote "Ode to Pity"
- **51.** Atkins who sang "That Ain't My Truck"
- 52. Coffee container
- 53. "____ to you!"
- 54. Aides for profs.
- 55. Jabba the _
- **56.** She sang "Echoes in Rain"
- 58. Survey
- **59.** Pennsylvania's "Flagship City"
- 60. CPR pros.
- 63. "How interesting!"
- 64. ____ tai (cocktail)
- **65.** Double helix stuff, for short