

# AFR Cryptic (Saturday 4/5/2024) Solution

<sup>1</sup> R	A	<sup>2</sup> C	I	<sup>3</sup> S	M			<sup>4</sup> D	E	<sup>5</sup> P	O	<sup>6</sup> S	E	
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<sup>13</sup> E	V	E	R			<sup>14</sup> N	I	N	E	P	I	N	S	
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<sup>25</sup> D	E	E	P	S	P	A	C	E		<sup>26</sup> M	I	N	C	E
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	<sup>27</sup> F	R	I	D	G	E			<sup>28</sup> P	R	O	S	I	T

Across	Clue	Explanation
1 RACISM	Retired coach is associated with male prejudice (6)	CAR reversed + IS + M
4 DEPOSE	Set down a quantity of drugs containing EPO mostly (6)	DOSE outside (EP)o
8 MERIT	Value the writer, right, with it (5)	ME + R + IT
9 NASHI PEAR	A vessel manoeuvred in close with exotic fruit (5,4)	(A + SHIP) inside NEAR
11 METHANE	Long thick human hair penetrated by the sprayed chemical (7)	MANE outside anagram of THE
12 OIL WELL	Ring one left rightly for gusher, say (3,4)	O + I + L + WELL
13 EVER	Cut down leader at any time (4)	(s)EVER
14 NINEPINS	NSW's opener playing cricket injured spine bowling (8)	(N)sw + IN + anagram of SPINE
17 UNEARTHIS	Discovers uranium near this with iodine not detected (8)	U + [(NEAR THIS) minus I]
19 MAYO	Yam diced up with egg dressing (4)	Anagram of YAM + O
23 PICCOLO	Choose short, cool, brewed black coffee (7)	PIC(k) + anagram of COOL
24 OARSMAN	Person who made progress after having a stroke? (7)	Cryptic Definition
25 DEEP SPACE	Pace back and forth in area filled with stars (4,5)	SPEED reversed + PACE
26 MINCE	Store taking delivery of cold meat in small portions (5)	MINE outside C
27 FRIDGE	Fine, raised strip of land should be cooler (6)	F + RIDGE
28 PROSIT	Good luck to you specialists joining IT (6)	PROS + IT

