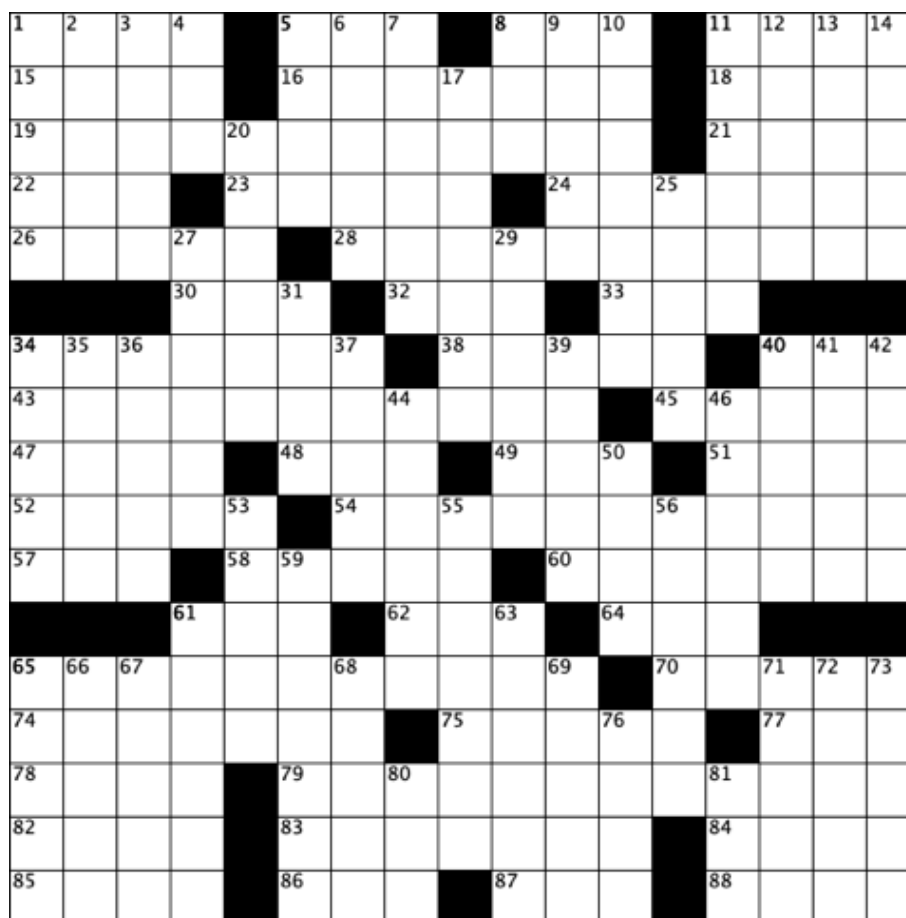




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After a hiatus of about 1,500 years and a few fitful attempts at relaunch, the Modern Olympics — a truly international event — opened 125 years ago this week.



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ACROSS

1 Boxer Max or Buddy
5 Fall behind
8 Alternatives to Macs
11 Emergency shelter array
15 Caesar's rebuke
16 Graceful steed
18 Cosmetics giant
19 *Site of the first modern Olympic Games, launched 125 years ago Tuesday (April 6, 1896)*
21 Parks in civil rights history
22 Conk out
23 Lagoon surround
24 Harder to schlep
26 Skedaddle
28 *What each first (yes, first) place winner received*
30 Relay race segment
32 10% of MXX
33 Assistance
34 Lashes into
38 Homes in trees
40 Fist bump
43 *Host country's crown prince who opened the 1896 games*
45 Musical sequence
47 Arduous journey
48 Scratch, say
49 Rebellion leader Turner
51 Penne __ vodka
52 Gillette razors
54 __ Stadium, 1896's main venue, made entirely of marble, where the biennial hand-over of the Olympic flame from former host-nation to new still takes place
57 Feeling low
58 It's up for debate

60 __ Chapel

61 Academic address ender
62 Wks. and wks.
64 Sgt. or Cpl.
65 *What each first place winner also received*
70 Readily available
74 Tactful handling
75 The slightest margin
77 Guadalajara gold
78 "You said it!"
79 *The only non-European team came from here, and had the most first-place wins*
82 Quayle successor
83 Mob inductee
84 "Handwriting on the wall" word
85 Cornerstone abbr.
86 Windy City trains
87 DDE's WWII command
88 Actor Sharif or Epps

DOWN

1 Mardi Gras mementos
2 Unfinished story?
3 Anesthetic of old
4 Regret
5 Trailing the pack
6 Rival of ancient Sparta
7 Culinary clove
8 Treat served in a tin
9 Hidden stash
10 Show disdain for
11 Sculpted
12 Egg-shaped
13 Where sailors go
14 Guard dog's warning
17 Sparkling peachy cocktail
20 "Whatever you want"
25 Slightly off
27 Third-least populous state

29 Capital on the Danube
31 Glitzy rock genre
34 Stand in for
35 Somewhat, informally
36 Dummy Mortimer
37 Loses one's cool
39 Senate spots
40 Lead-in to Lama
41 Fully committed
42 Tranquility
44 Psychological wound
46 Football Hall of Fame city
50 Pizza crust choice
53 Entree add-ons
55 Nursery arrival
56 Accompany
59 Encompass
61 Squared (up)
63 Devious plan
65 Old enough
66 Fancy rides
67 Nonreactive
68 Kidney-related
69 Tore into
71 Sacred item for some tribes
72 Skybox locale
73 Tricky question
76 "There __ there there"
80 SSNs and such
81 "I love," in Latin

