

Goodness of Wit Test #8: Employs Magic (CHANCE Vol. 23, No. 2) by WITZ (Jonathan Berkowitz)

Instructions: This puzzle was composed in my home city of Vancouver as we prepared to "Welcome the World" to the 2010 Winter Olympics. It is actually five smaller puzzles, each a cryptic five-square of ten words. Although the squares are, well, square, they represent the five rings of the Olympic symbol. Clueing and answers are normal. However, the completed grids contain evidence of the Olympic symbol, for you to find. The title provides a bonus puzzle for you to figure out without any instructions. Special thanks to John Forbes for some clever Olympics-themed clues.

SQUARE 1

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SQUARE 2

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SQUARE 3

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SQUARE 4

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SQUARE 5

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SQUARE 1 CLUES

Across

- 1 Protest forgoing real advantage
- 6 Odds of doors accommodating two large women
- 7 Nagano, Vancouver hosting means test (*abbrev.*)
- 8 Piste initially to act like back of smoother sheet
- 9 Lock front of skis to pursue technical matter

Down

- 1 Heads of American team hold up landing site change
- 2 First of snowboarders working with a range finding device
- 3 Slant cut in sides of skate
- 4 Little people or famous rock 'n' roll singers?
- 5 Stars could be leaders of Russian team?

SQUARE 2 CLUES

Across

- 1 Blows resolution, absorbing bit of steroid
- 6 Upper north borders of Canada add pressure to remove crown
- 7 Energy and easy pace leading to jump
- 8 Alert father before finish of biathlon
- 9 Student's method manifest except for answer (*hyph.*)

Down

- 1 Visitor offered prediction in conversation
- 2 Until switch of time, left dark
- 3 Twenty CEOs weaving about middle of courses
- 4 Records put up around area west of pylons
- 5 Breathless ski-cross's leader confined

SQUARE 3 CLUES

Across

- 1 Enough data for us without snow
- 6 Reverse like luger initially performing in room
- 7 Wear red during part of broadcast
- 8 Change grooming later
- 9 Sloppy meal room close to ceremony

Down

- 1 Crowd and some of athletes served up tea
- 2 Guy hides pole in tree
- 3 Leaders lacking interest in schemes
- 4 Traditional beliefs upset loser
- 5 One who watches losing head for competitor

SQUARE 4 CLUES

Across

- 1 Bizarre totem composition
- 6 Earlier Lake Placid area passion
- 7 Constituents pour out after game
- 8 Gold team returned bereft of a means of transportation
- 9 What's left from hockey no-nos after dropping first two

Down

- 1 Mother wins final of curling with hot rock
- 2 Gores dancing giants...
- 3 ...and half of them canine
- 4 Benefit from dash returning between errors...
- 5 ... – some nasty positional mistakes

SQUARE 5 CLUES

Across

- 1 Trouble gaining standard missing a month
- 6 Routine work completed capturing lead in relay
- 7 John's at start of event relaxing
- 8 Put under heading "Missing from season"
- 9 Top performances slaloming initially inside stakes

Down

- 1 Ex-boxer grips rear of sled before spontaneous remark (*hyph.*)
- 2 Bill, after beginning of promising run, lying flat
- 3 Goes downhill garnering zero cheers
- 4 Trendy place producing picture within a picture
- 5 Looks lasciviously at trio of bobsleighters following the French

