

Altered States

It's like the World Cup, with a twist. Which team will emerge victorious?

GROUP A

- Like bills a hostage-taker might want (8) _____
- ___ bar (hiker's treat) (7) _____
- Abnormal talkativeness (9) _____
- Twelve* ___ (5,3) _____
- Don Quixote's love interest (8) _____
- Metal shackles (6) _____

GROUP B

- Suspend, as a meeting (7) _____
- Tones of a chord played in succession (8) _____
- Spots in need of road work (8) _____
- Like canvas bags (8) _____
- Placed in order (8) _____

GROUP C

- Sesame seed paste (6) _____
- Rooftop antennas (7) _____
- 400 meters, usually (3,3) _____
- Severe headache (8) _____
- Car larger than a Sentra but
smaller than a Maxima (6) _____

GROUP D

New York NHLer (8)

Instruments for dueling in bars? (6)

Shopping mall (8)

Protein building block (5,4)

Boeing building (6)

GROUP E

High-flying circus feats (10)

Attached via needle and thread (5,2)

Planetary party? (10)

Wet weather wear (8)

More ornate (7)

Barnum and ____ (6)

GROUP F

Sun-Times competitor (7)

When most NFL games are played (6)

Unjustified accusation (3,3)

Military pilot's post (3,4)

Using a ruler, maybe (9)

Go to great lengths (4,5)

GROUP G

- Jesuits' founder ____ of Loyola (8) _____
- Girl from Granada (8) _____
- Early humans (12) _____
- Of the easternmost U.S. national park (7) _____
- Laundry list (6) _____

GROUP H

- Dust-free manufacturing environment (5,4) _____
- Senior crewman on a ship (9) _____
- "Appalachian Spring" composer Aaron (7) _____
- More filling, as a meal (8) _____
- Babe Ruth or Derek Jeter, e.g. (6) _____
- Bold and courageous (7) _____

GROUP I

- Uncle Fester portrayer Jackie (6) _____
- Elbow-shaped pasta (8) _____
- Everest's range (9) _____
- Moulding along the bottom of a wall (9) _____
- Flavorful, tenderizing sauce (8) _____

GROUP J

- Mrs. Flintstone (5) _____
- How many soccer matches end (2,1,4) _____
- Da Vinci work parodied by Duchamp (4,4) _____
- Giving a helping hand (6) _____
- Sailor's "yes", to a superior (3,3) _____
- Grant and Lee, e.g. (8) _____

(For a more difficult puzzle, ignore this page.)

