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WELL-CONNECTED by Mike Nothnagel Time limit: 15 minutes Your time:

Version 1: These are the champion (hardest) clues for the playoff puzzle:

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| ACROSS | 38. Part of many rates | 4. Something sharp in the kitchen | 30. Request for one's word |
| 1. Prepared | 39. Intimate | 5. Grocery brand since the 1980s | 32. Off-hand remark? |
| 9. Stark | 40. Phrase that attracts consumers | 6. Figure at home | 34. 1994 movie in which the title character speaks an invented language |
| 15. Fully briefed | 42. Place for singles to gather | 7. SW Colorado's ___ Mountain | 35. Major Adams of "Wagon Train" |
| 16. Figure in "The Greatest Game Ever Played" | 43. Tribe once divided into the Thervingi and Greuthungi | 8. Athlete's energy boost | 37. Underwater insulation |
| 17. Buck-passer's statement | 44. Jaw holder | 9. Storm ___ | 40. Shell's shell, e.g. |
| 19. Clever people have big ones | 47. Chemical suffix | 10. Treators of dysphonia, for short | 41. Singer with the 1959 #1 hit "Why" |
| 20. Towers in a harbor? | 48. Changed locks | 11. Drive | 43. Reeling |
| 21. It might include mgs. of Mg | 49. San ___ (suburb of San Francisco) | 12. One who doesn't know how to get down? | 45. "Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is the probable reason why ___ engage in it": Henry Ford |
| 22. Onetime C.S.A. member | 50. Act like Bruce Wayne | 13. Disobey an order? | 46. 1, in Oaxaca |
| 23. Plate of fish? | 54. "Fine by me" | 14. Wagon, across the pond | 48. One of three in jai alai |
| 25. Masseur's target | 55. 1964 Lennon/McCartney song | 18. Like a holiday acquaintance? | 49. Short move? |
| 26. Small purchase | 56. Appropriate | 23. What capital letters may signify | 51. Religious title |
| 28. Pity | 57. Like some pickup games | 24. Piece maker? | 52. Mini maker |
| 29. Letters of resolution?: Abbr. | DOWN | 25. 1982 film villain seeking to control the Genesis device | 53. ___ People's Democratic Republic |
| 31. Speaker of the House under Jackson and Van Buren | 1. Charge when a job is done? | 27. Sticky stuff | |
| 32. Listing on paper? | 2. Antistrophe follower | 28. "The Stephen King of children's literature" | |
| 33. Smooth | 3. "Listen!" | 29. Drug that affects the heart rate | |
| 35. <i>A Theologico-Political Treatise</i> author, 1670 | | | |
| 36. Succeed | | | |
| 37. Cut off, in a way | | | |

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Version 2: These are the medium (easiest) clues for the playoff puzzle:

- | ACROSS | | DOWN | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Readied oneself | 36. Take the subsequent turn, as in a game | 1. "Hit the accelerator!" | 29. Cardiac stimulant derived from plant leaves |
| 9. Extreme, as weather | 37. Gradually make less dependent | 2. Lyric poem | 30. "I need verbal assurance from you ..." |
| 15. Opposite of passé | 38. The "/" in "km/h" | 3. "Listen up!" | 32. Nonbidder's declaration |
| 16. Hall-of-Fame QB Johnny | 39. Suggest | 4. Ray of "Everybody Loves Raymond" | 34. <i>The Old Curiosity Shop</i> orphan |
| 17. "That falls under someone else's purview" | 40. "Time to chow down!" | 5. "Grand" ice cream brand | 35. Brother of Cain and Abel |
| 19. Notions | 42. Cash register drawer | 6. Father | 37. Diver's outfit |
| 20. Harbor boats | 43. Third-century Germanic invaders | 7. 4 x 4, for short | 40. CBS's eye, e.g. |
| 21. Nutritional fig. | 44. Workbench tool | 8. Words of encouragement before a game | 41. Burial place of King Arthur |
| 22. Part of T.V.A.: Abbr. | 47. Enzyme suffix | 9. Sudden onrush | 43. Intoxicated with glee |
| 23. Dieter's aid | 48. Barristers' wear | 10. Treelike residents of Middle-earth | 45. <i>Never</i> ____ (1959 Sinatra film) |
| 25. Shoelace problem | 49. ____ Estévez (real name of Martin Sheen) | 11. Liveliness | 46. <i>Febrero</i> preceder |
| 26. Support for a mountaineer's foot | 50. Have two outward identities | 12. Perpetually positive person | 48. Mural's place |
| 28. Disgrace | 54. "You've convinced me" | 13. Completely mix up | 49. Move, in real estate lingo |
| 29. Meas. of inkjet printer resolution | 55. Beatles song with the lyric "My tears are falling like rain from the sky" | 14. Station wagon, to a Brit | 51. ____ Pérignon |
| 31. President between Tyler and Taylor | 56. In good taste | 18. "____ Lang Syne" | 52. Mercedes competitor |
| 32. Slanted, as type | 57. Basketball variation for four people | 23. Scream | 53. Philosopher ____-tzu |
| 33. Work through, as differences | | 24. Filly's counterpart | |
| 35. Philosopher Baruch | | 25. Kublai ____ | |
| | | 27. Strong glue | |
| | | 28. "Goosebumps" author R. L. ____ | |

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