

## Tough as Nails Mini Cryptic #12—Explanations

### ACROSS

1. CANDY (“sweets”) is CAN (“container”) plus DY, which is EDY’S “shelled,” or minus the outer letters.
4. NUDGE (“urge”) is “generated by” taking FUDGE (“chocolate treat”) and replacing N (“nut topping,” or the first letter of NUT) with F (“bit of fondant,” or the first letter of FONDANT).
5. SOLID (“state of matter”) is SO (“therefore”) plus LID (“limit”).

### DOWN

1. In this double definition, CANES is a nickname for the Hurricanes (“Miami players”), and CANES are also types of “supports.”
2. NADAL is the “tennis star” you get when LAD (“Boy”) plus AN (given directly in the clue) are put together and reversed (“ascendant,” which is a reversal indicator in a Down clue).
3. Y is the “back from,” or last letter, of GERMANY; add that to IELD, an anagram of LIED (“rewrote Lied”) to get YIELD (“Surrender”).