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[54] **FOOTBALL BOARD GAME APPARATUS**

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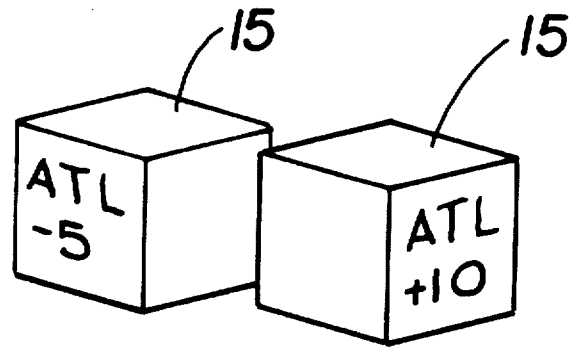
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A game which simulates football in the form of a plurality of playing cards each marked as a football field, a marker which is moved on each field, and a set of marked cubes, each cube of which bears an indicia designating the football field of a particular team, which cubes are individually drawn to determine the results of each play.

2 Claims, 5 Drawing Figures



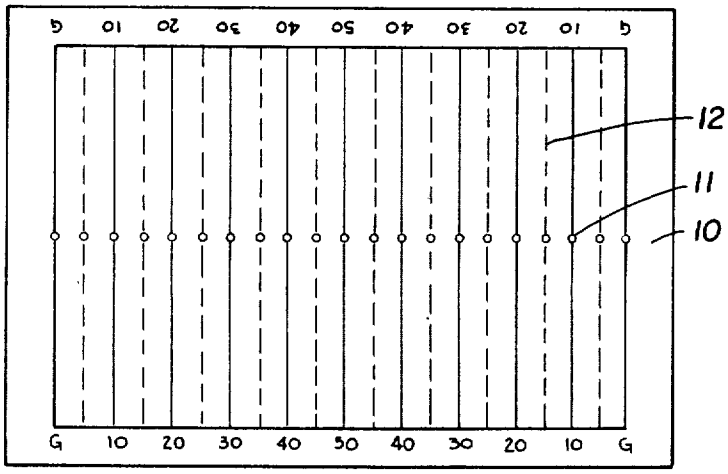


FIG. 1

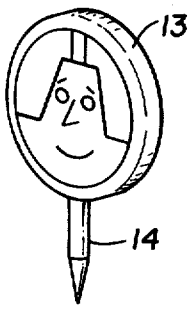


FIG. 2

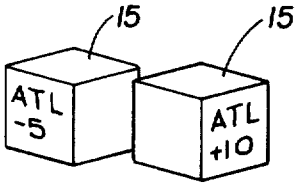


FIG. 3

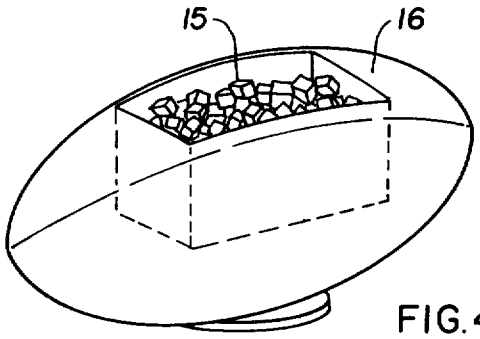


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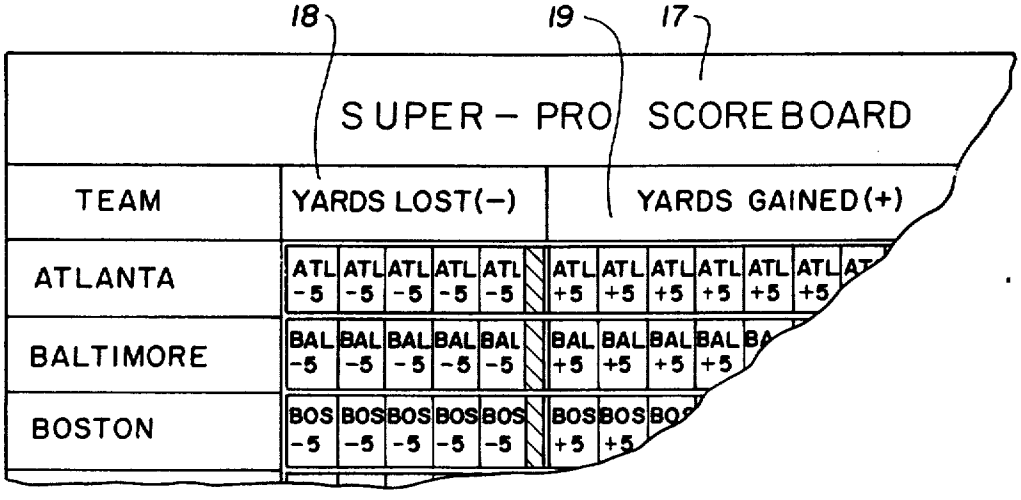


FIG. 5

FOOTBALL BOARD GAME APPARATUS

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to a game which simulates football using a plurality of boards each marked as a football field on which the movement of the competing teams is governed by the casting of marked blocks.

An advantage of this invention is that it can be played by two or more players.

The game consists of a plurality of cards each marked as a football field with a line of small diameter holes located at five yard intervals down the length of the marked field. Dowel markers, representing the rival football teams or players are of a size to fit into the holes on the game card. A quantity of small blocks which are marked by the team name and by numerals representing yards gained or lost are used to determine the results of each play, with the blocks retained, until drawn, in a hollow simulated football.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS:

The objects and features of the invention may be understood with reference to the following detailed description of an illustrative embodiment of the invention, taken together with the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a plan view of a football field card;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of a marker;

FIG. 3 is a perspective view of two numbered drawing blocks;

FIG. 4 shows the container for retention of the drawing blocks; and

FIG. 5 shows a partial view of the scoreboard which maintains a record of the plays that are drawn.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT:

Turning now descriptively to the drawings, in which similar reference characters denote similar elements throughout the several views, FIG. 1 illustrates a football field card **10** in which the yard lines **12** are marked at five yard intervals with a small hole **11** for the purpose of holding the football team marker located on each five yard line **12**. FIG. 2 is the football team marker **13** the base of which is in the form of a small dowel **14**, of a size to fit into the holes **11** of the football team card **10**. FIG. 3 illustrates two play blocks **15**, in this case representing the Atlanta team, each marked with the results of a play. In FIG. **4**, the blocks **15** are shown in the simulated football container **16** prior to being drawn for play. The score board **17** shown in FIG. **5** is maintained for the purpose of checking the blocks **15** that are drawn for yards lost **18** or yards gained **19** as the game progresses.

To start the game each individual will take **2** football field card **10** together with a team player marker **13** for each card. He then places the team player marker **13** in the hole **11** on the twenty yard line of a field card **10**.

A specific person may be designated to draw the blocks **15** or plays from the football container **16** to start the game. As each block **15** is drawn, the name of the team and the yardage gained or lost shown on that block **15** are read and the individual with that team moves his marker **13** on the field in accordance with the call. The block **15** will then be placed in the appropriate space in either the yards lost column **18** or the yards gained column **19** of the scoreboard **17**. This procedure will continue until one team player marker **13** reaches the opposite goal on his card **10** and scores a touchdown. The player scoring the first touchdown wins the game.

Since obvious changes may be made in the specific embodiment of the invention described herein, such modifications being within the spirit and scope of the invention claimed, it is indicated that all matter contained herein is intended as illustrative and not as limiting in scope.

I claim:

1. A competitive game of simulated football comprising

a plurality of playing cards, each marked as a football field with parallel lines indicating a pair of opposed goal lines and additional parallel lines located at uniform intervals between said goal lines, with each playing card fitted with holes located across the length of the marked football field of a size to individually retain a marker fitted with a dowel pin, with the quantity of such playing cards being sufficient to supply each player with one such card,

a plurality of said markers of a quantity to provide each playing card with one of said markers,

a plurality of play blocks of a quantity to provide a group of play blocks for each of a plurality of players, each play block marked with indicia indicating the results of an individual football play and each bearing indicia identifying the play block with a specific football team.

the holes in the playing card being on said parallel lines, and the play result indicia on each play block including a numeral which is a multiple of said uniform interval and identified by an indicium as either a gain or a loss, representing respectively a playing distance towards or away from a goal line.

2. The combination as recited in claim **1** together with a board marked as a scoreboard, said scoreboard ruled with spaced lines, with each said line identified by the name of a team representing one of the playing cards and with two marked areas along each line of a size to retain the play blocks bearing the indicia of the team identified with each particular line which have been drawn, with one said area identified for retention of drawn play blocks that are marked with indicia indicating a gain and the other area identified for retention of drawn play blocks that are marked with indicia indicating a loss.

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