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(54) **METHOD OF MODIFYING THE RELEASE POINTS OF PITCHES FROM A VIDEO PITCHING MACHINE**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method of visually changing the release points of pitches from a video pitching machine ball-throwing machine, which comprises the steps of (a) providing a pitching machine which is mounted in close proximity to a projection screen having a fixed opening through which a ball can be thrown from the machine toward a batter; (b) providing a video projector for projecting the video image of a pitcher on the screen; (c) providing a programmable controller for synchronizing the release of the ball from the machine with the video image; and changing the visual release point of the pitcher by adjusting the position of the video image relative to the fixed release point in order to simulate the pitcher throwing from a different release point.

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