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- [54] **INTERACTIVE SYSTEM ALLOWING REAL TIME PARTICIPATION**
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[57] ABSTRACT

An interactive apparatus and method allows the participants to compete in an interactive game based on an event which is occurring in real time. A ticker tape or some other visual display or audio broadcast or the like is shown or broadcast on a device of an interactive apparatus with real time score values indicative of the players' performance in the event. Using the interactive apparatus, the participants select and trade members on the team using a menu displayed or broadcast on the interactive device. The menu provides relevant information regarding the performance of the participant's team, and allows the participant to select and trade members on the participant's team with members listed in a contest roster database while the event is occurring in real time. By allowing the participant to interact in real time, the intellectual challenge and emotional enjoyment of the interactive game are greatly enhanced.

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