Title (en)

BALL RETURN PRACTICING ARRANGEMENT

Title (de)

ÜBUNGSEINRICHTUNG MIT BALLRÜCKFÜHRUNG

Title (fr)

SYSTEME D'ENTRAINEMENT AVEC RENVOI DE BALLES AUX JOUEURS

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Abstract (en)

[origin: WO0137948A1] A ball return apparatus (1) including a frame (4) supporting a net or nets (2) providing a ball receiving shape which is of approximately rectangular proportions providing thereby a cavernous capturing and returning area with a lowermost net (9) or net portion shaped, held and aligned to provide a sloping of 10 degrees and tensioned floor (9) such that it will effect a return of the ball to a delivery location. The apparatus has an end panel (5), two side panels (6, 7), a roof panel (8) and a forwardly inclined lowermost panel (9) with sufficient slope so that a ball will roll out from the cavernous shape toward a player. Each of the panels (5, 6, 7, 8, 9) are held taut under relatively uniform tension by helical springs (3) connected to the frame (4). The apparatus (1) can be used for practicing golf driving; kicking an Australian Rules football or soccer ball; pitching a baseball or softball; throwing a cricket ball, netball or basketball; and hitting a hockey ball or tennis ball.

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