Evaluating Offensive Performance: Beyond OPS

 Brief explanation of OPS: Just the addition an individual hitters onbase percentage and their slugging percentage.

 OPS is a simple stat to calculate and interpret and is useful because it correlates very well with runs scored

 wRC+ is a more comprehensive and contextual metric that is derived from wOBA

Advantages of wRC+

- Adjusts for external factors like ballpark dimensions and league factors, providing context for performance.
- Accounts for different run environments across eras and teams.
- Scaled to 100: Easier interpretation (e.g., 110 means 10% above league average).
- As seen in the tables to the right, both wRC+ and OPS highlight the same top players in 2024, but wRC+ provides easier interpretation with added context.



How to Utilize wRC+

- wRC+ enables coaches to make data-informed decisions for lineups, substitutions, and player development.
- Reveals hidden strengths or weaknesses not visible through OPS alone.
- Evaluates players fairly across diverse conditions (e.g., different eras, leagues, or ballparks).