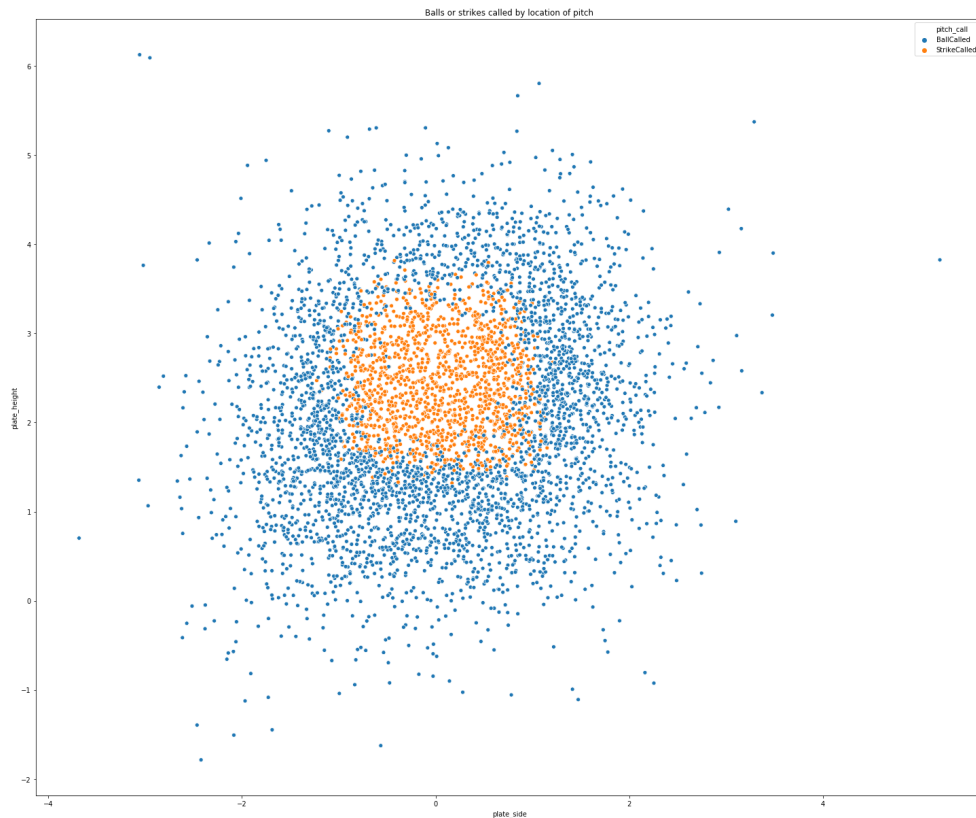


# Player Report - f06c9fdf

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Player f06c9fdf is a catcher brought in during the off-season who could potentially be a commodity for the Mariners. Looking at his pitch receiving skills in specific, he has a below average ability to frame pitches, but is stronger for lefty-specialist type pitchers. Let's first take a look at a scatterplot showing where strikes and balls were called.



In this plot, the orange dots were pitches called for strikes, and the blue dots were pitches called for balls. As one can make out, there are orange dots that are in areas of majority blue dots, but it seems like there's more blue dots encroaching into the strike zone. This means he does have some weaknesses in pitch framing.

When looking deeper into the data and building a machine learning model for this catcher, we see that he's in the negatives for extra strikes called. Which means he's allowing more balls to be called that would normally be called strikes. Generally this means that more walks will be given up and more runs will be scored as a result.

	Extra Strikes
Overall	-21
Right Side of Zone	-10
Left Side of Zone	-5
Right Handed Pitcher	-9
Left Handed Pitcher	-4

However, this catcher is not without his strengths. Even with having a negative extra strikes value, he does a better job framing pitches on the left side of the zone. Using the model from before, I calculated how many extra strikes this catcher gave up on each side of the zone, and he ended up giving up less extra strikes on the right side of the zone than the left side. This catcher has a better knack for framing balls on the left side of the zone, which could be beneficial for certain pitching situations. If the pitcher is working inside on a left handed hitter, this catcher would have a better ability to frame up those pitches and get called strikes on pitches that would be called balls. He also seems to have a better time framing up pitches from left handed pitchers. Bringing in this catcher to catch for lefty-specialist type pitchers could be beneficial to the team in these kinds of situations.

Overall this catcher could use some work with framing pitches, especially on the right side of the zone. I would recommend keeping this catcher around and developing him further. If developed properly, a catcher who has a good ability to frame a pitch and have extra strikes called for their pitcher is a commodity on any baseball team. This

catcher has an average ability to frame pitches right now, but that could be developed further and turn into a prize for the Mariners.