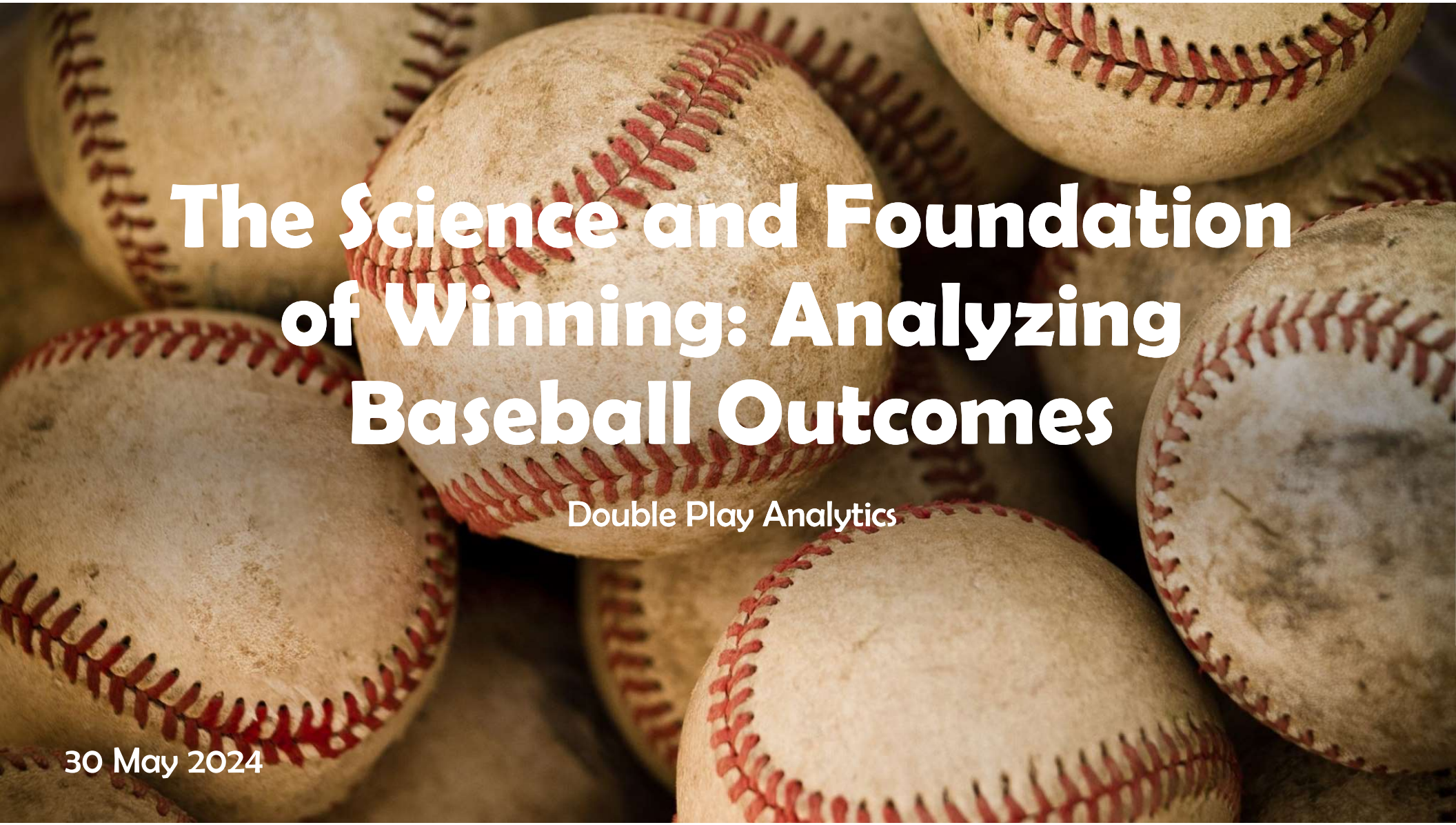

The Science and Foundation of Winning: Analyzing Baseball Outcomes

Double Play Analytics

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Agenda

- Background
- Data Overview
- Analysis
- Recommendations
- Next Steps

Mariners Win the World Series...this year?

Bottom Line: Get on Base

Background – Baseball Data

- 1871
- MONEYBALL
- Texas Rangers

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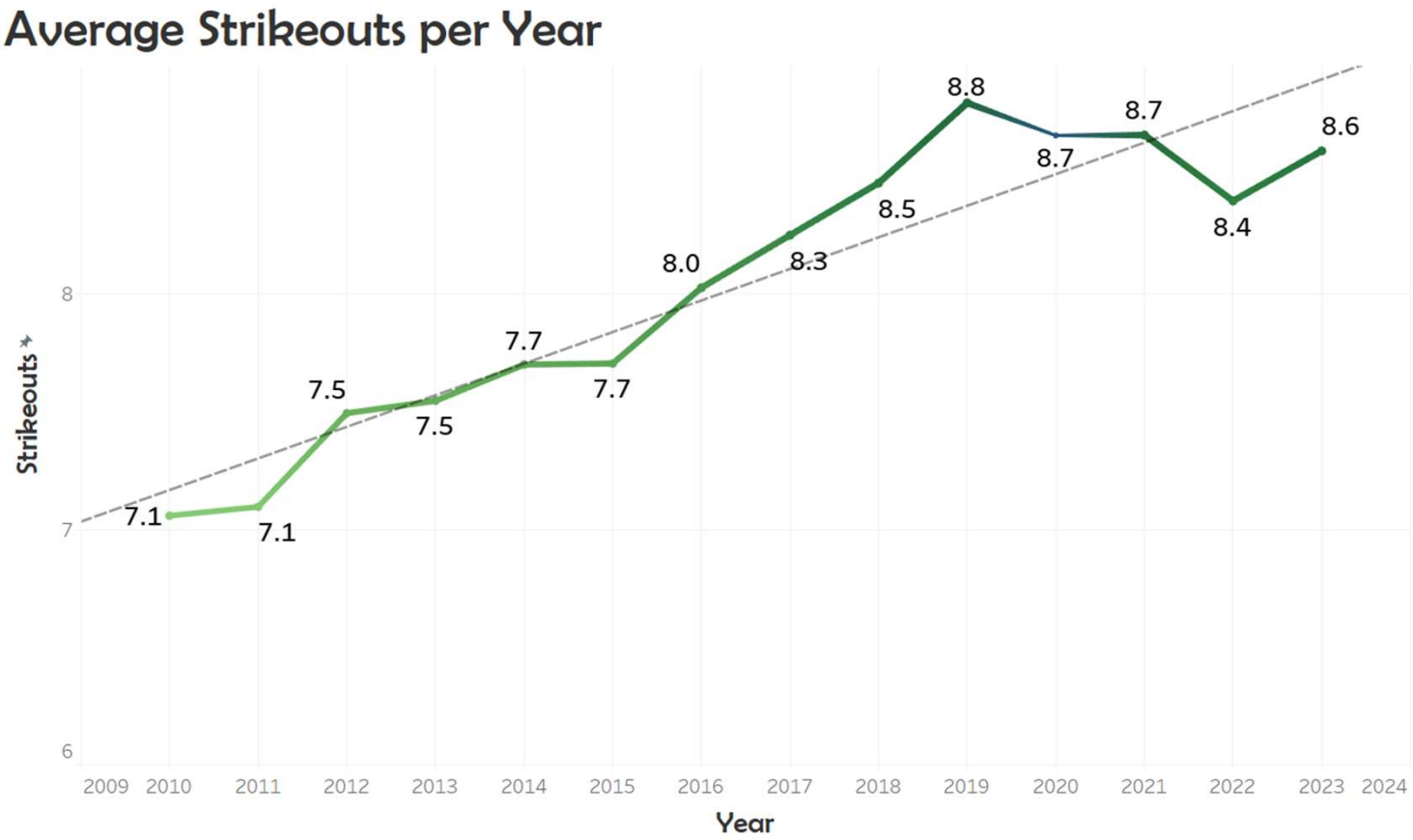
Data Overview

- Source: Retrosheet Game Logs
- Years: 2010 - 2023
- Features: 20 Max
- Outcome: Win/Lose


Average Strikeouts per Year
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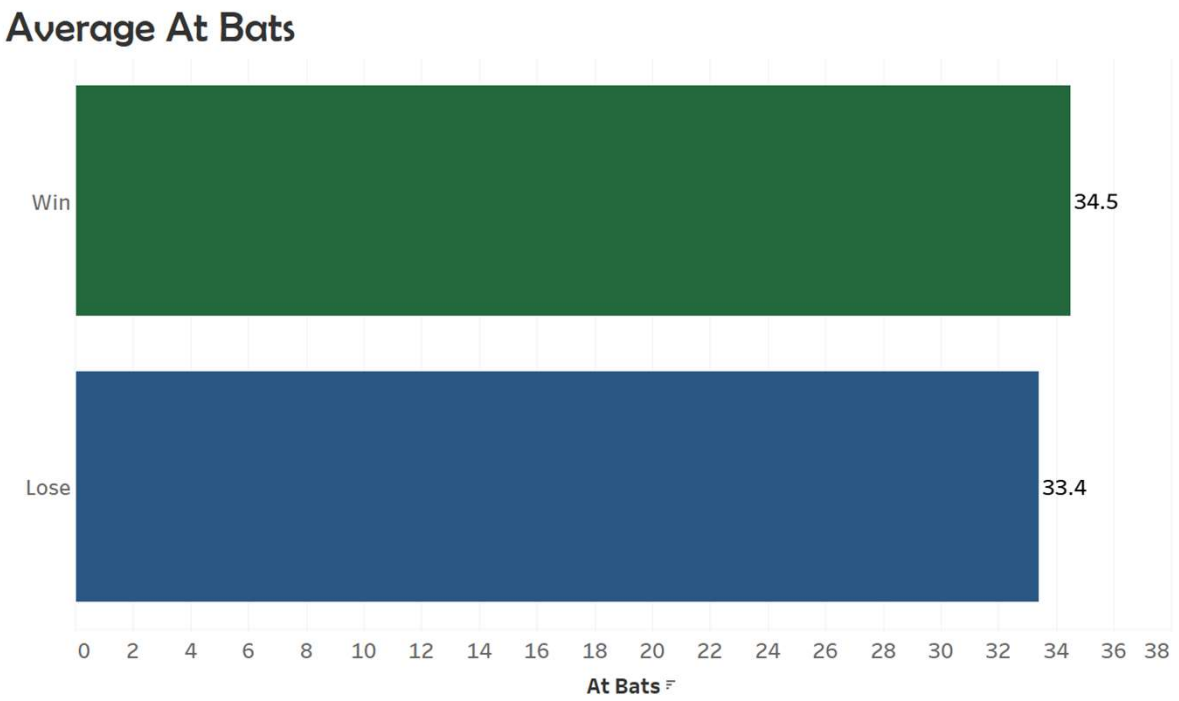
2022
2023
2024
Year

Important Model Features

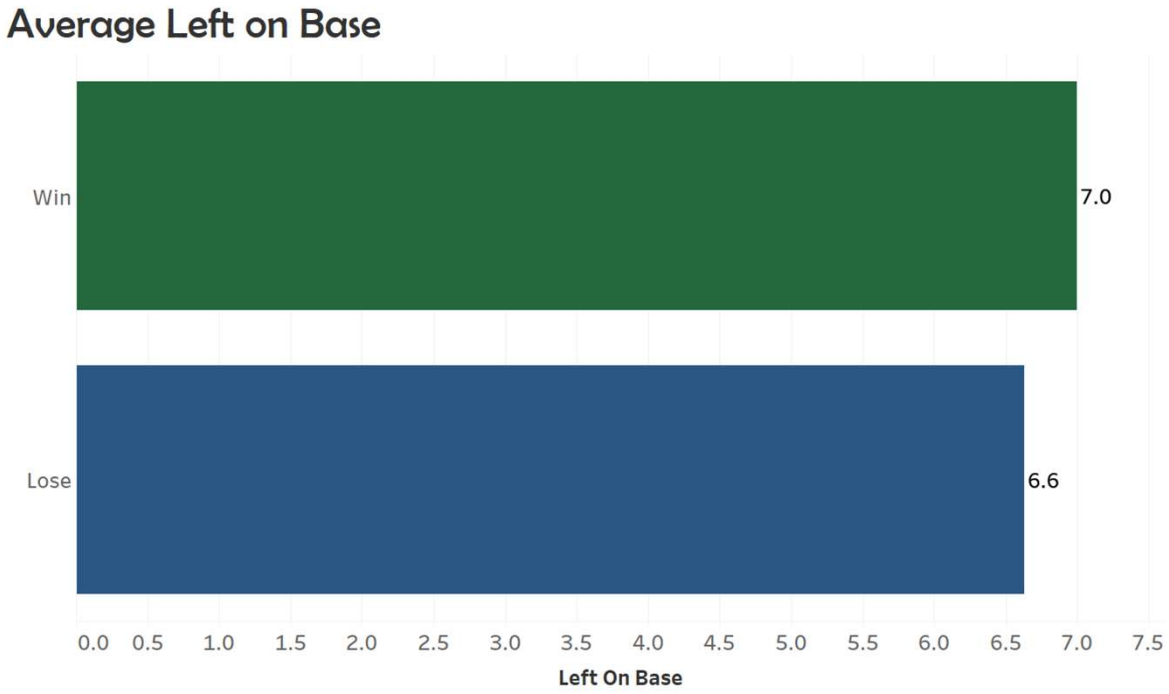
- At Bats
- Left on Base
- Walks

- On Base Percentage
- Pitchers Used
- Hits
- Strikeouts

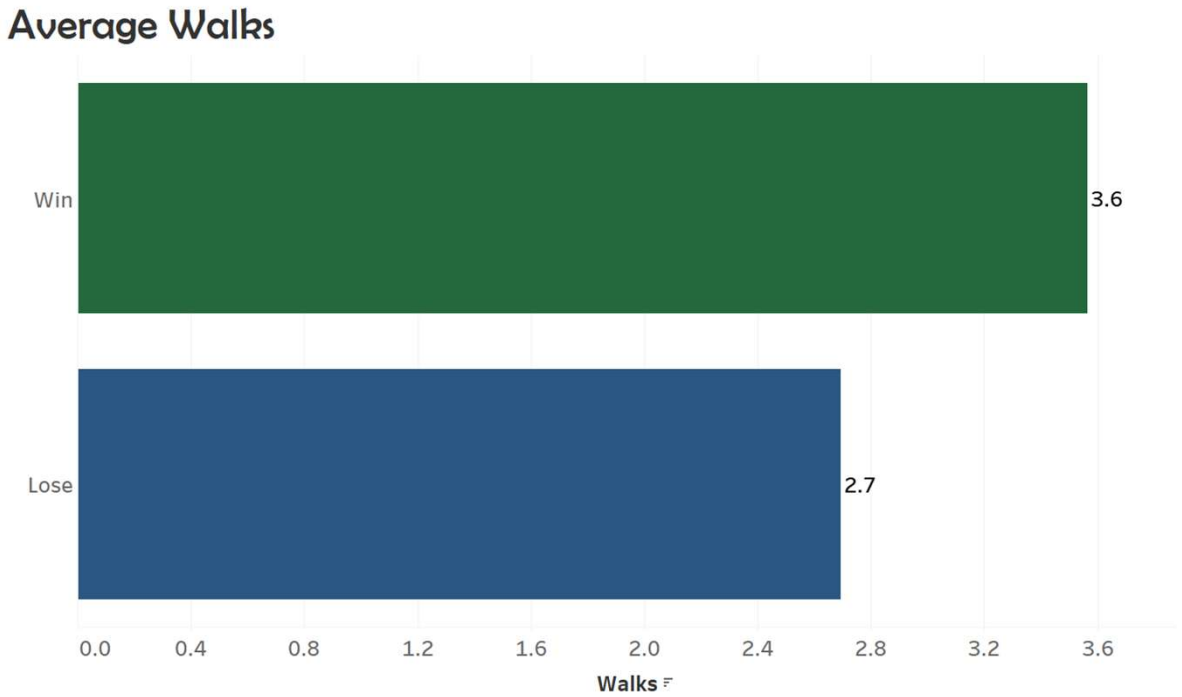
Winning teams are at bat an average of 34.5 times per game



Winning teams on average had 7 players left on base per game



Winning teams get an average of 3.6 walks per game



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Findings and Recommendations

- Offense is a priority
- A keen eye for balls
- Don't reinvent the wheel – Texas Rangers

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Next Steps – Beyond the Foundational

- Picking the right players for your ballpark
- Mental fortitude and clutch performance
- New audiences

Questions?

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