

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this series of reports (R033x) is to analyze batter activity by what happened, and when, in the balls/strikes count.

Most columns are self-explanatory, and most of the numbers shown match those found on the Season Stats Report (R005). If a batter reached on an error made during a Sac Hit, or a Sac Fly, that appearance is shown as Reached on Error, and not a sacrifice. Ground Outs and Air Outs are based on the batter's activity only, and do not include double plays.

The Put in Play section counts good things (Pos), and bad things (Neg), which occur when batters hit the ball. Good things are base hits, plus reaching on Errors, Interference, and Obstruction. Bad things are grounding out, and flying out. Reaching on a Fielder's Choice, or executing a successful Sac Hit (bunt) or Sac Fly, are considered neutral.

Note: In 901 Total Plate Appearances, there were 153 K, 116 BB and 23 HBP, for a total of 292 times (32.4 %) the ball was not put in play. The ball was put in play 609 times (67.6%).

The stats are provided in five different sequences to facilitate study. The following things caught my attention:

1. R033E - 105 of 211 hits (50%) were on the first or second pitch.
2. R033x - On a 2-0 count, the ball was put in play only 19 times, 3 of which were hits.
3. R033x - The first pitch was put in play 162 times (18%). (Most of the air outs on 0-0 counts were infield popups.) The 0-0 count was the only count which had a net Positive.
4. R033D - 30% hits when batter ahead in count, 43% when even, 25% when behind.

Any comments or suggestions are welcome.

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