

A Case to Enshrine Larry Walker Into the MLB Hall of Fame



**ARGUMENT MADE BY COMPARING HIS STATS
TO THOSE OF CURRENT HALL OF FAME,
DAVE WINFIELD.**



By David

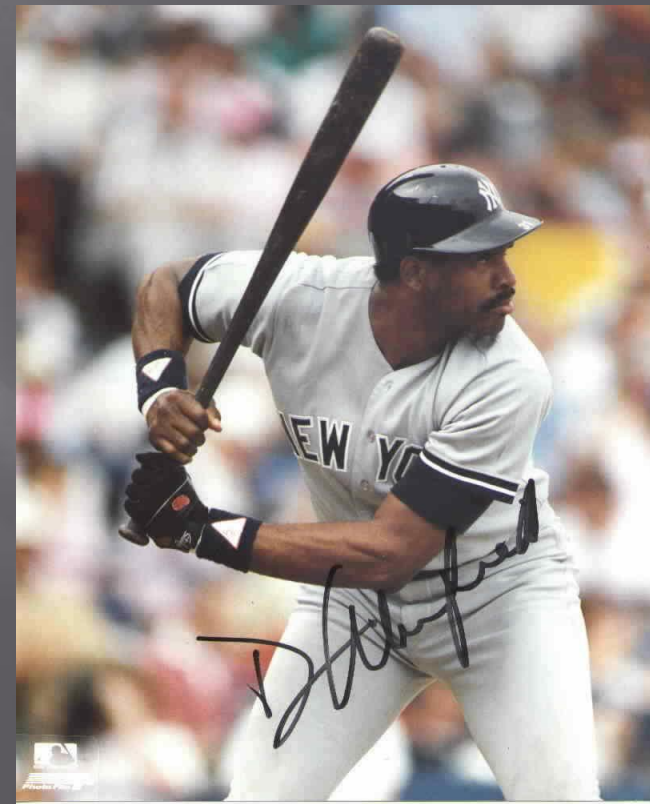
Meet Larry Walker

- ▣ Played 17 seasons for 3 teams making 5 all-star games, winning 3 silver slugger awards and 7 gold gloves.
- ▣ Was plagued by injuries throughout his career playing over 150 games in a season only once.
- ▣ From 1997-1999, he went 3 consecutive seasons batting over .360!!!
- ▣ Ended his career with 389 career home runs (then 50th all time, now 52nd) in less than 2000 career games played.



Meet Dave Winfield

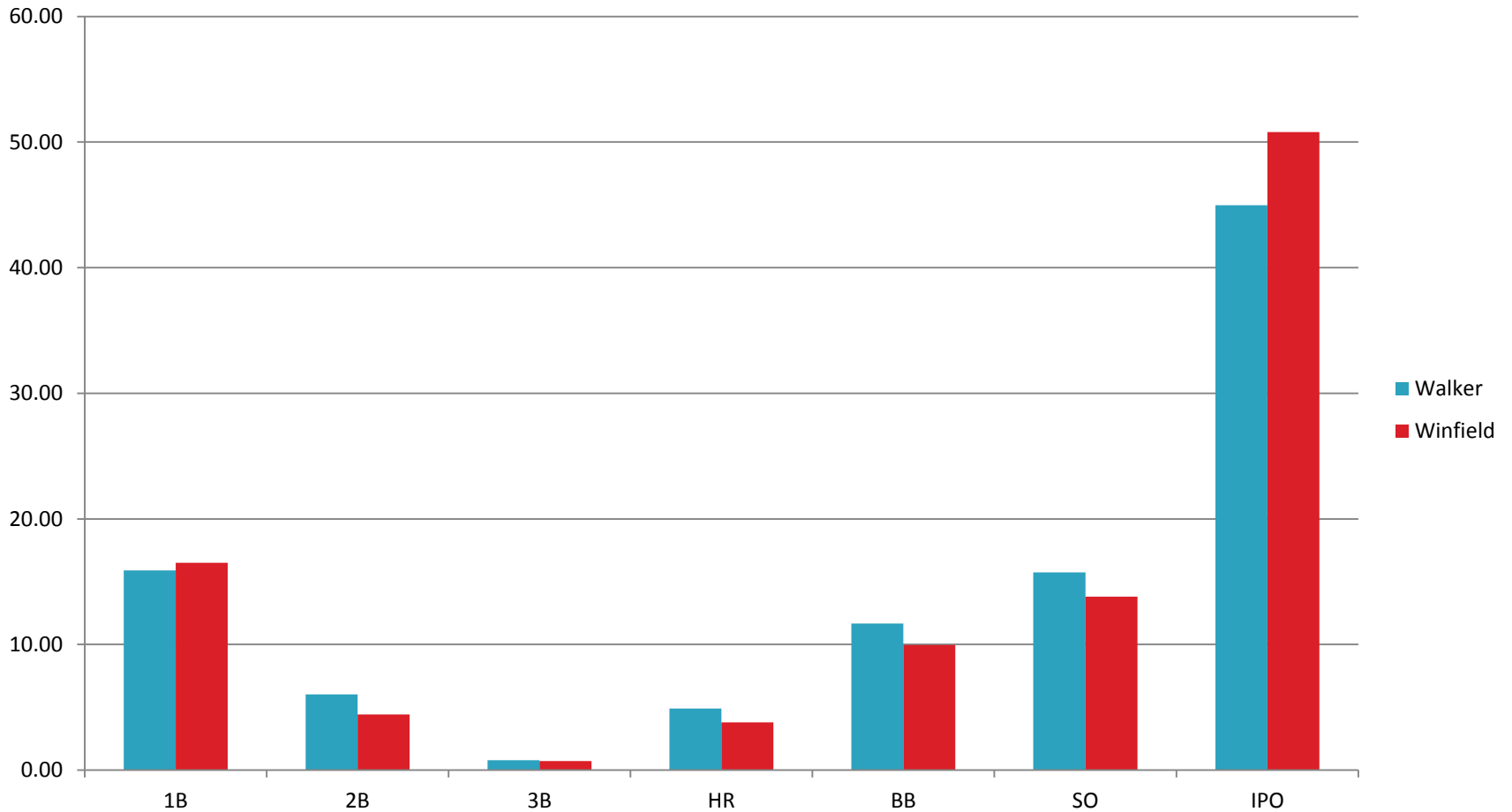
- ❑ Played 22 seasons for 6 teams making 12 all-star games, winning 6 silver slugger awards and 7 gold gloves.
- ❑ Played his first game for the San Diego Padres in 1973 after playing 0 minor league games.
- ❑ Was also drafted by the Minnesota Vikings of the NFL, the Atlanta Hawks of the NBA and the Utah Stars of the ABA.
- ❑ Was drafted as a pitcher, but was put in right field so he could bat every day and still make use of his cannon of an arm.
- ❑ In 1983, while warming up in the outfield before the 5th inning of a game in Toronto, he accidentally hit and killed a seagull...
- ❑ Traded for.....what?!

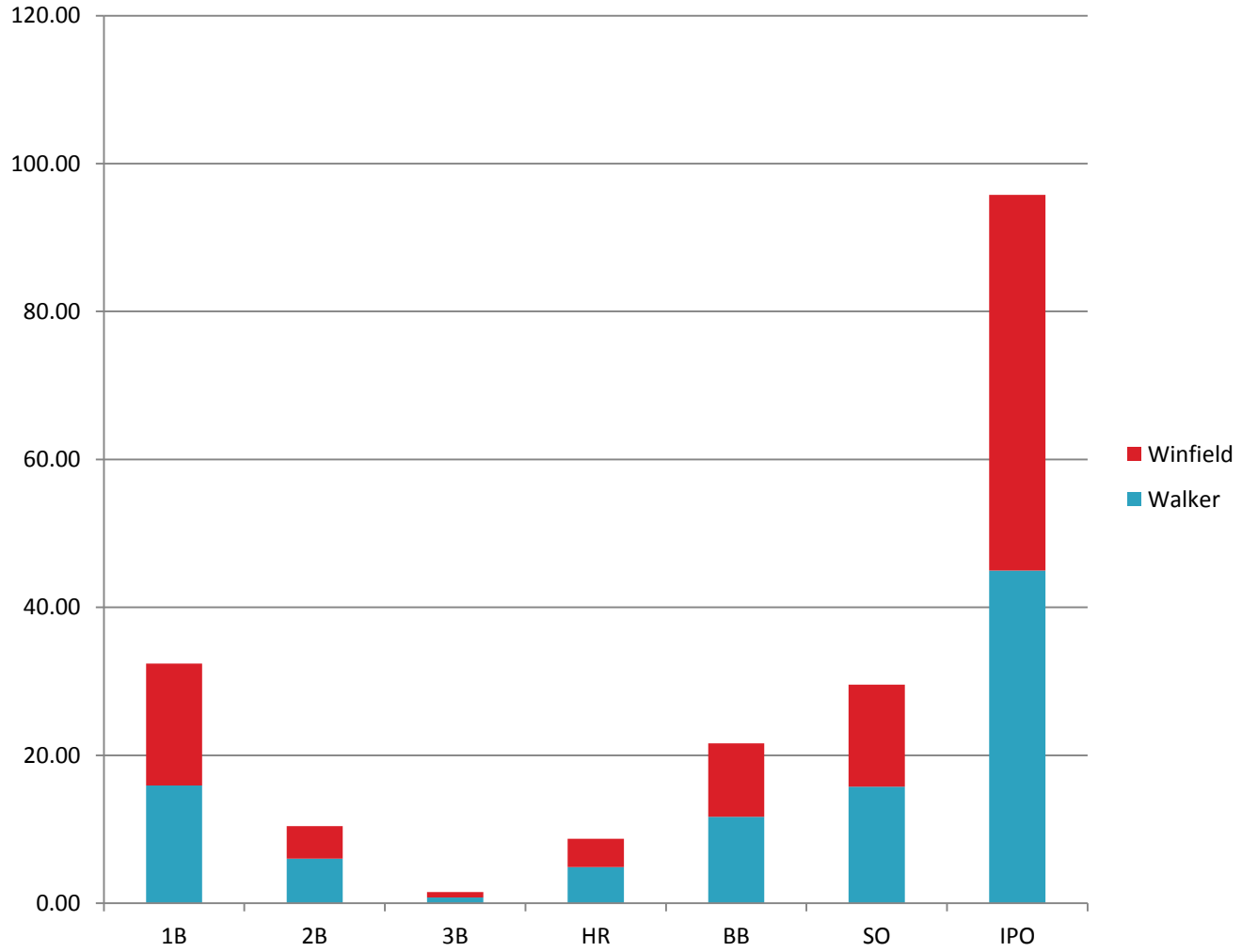


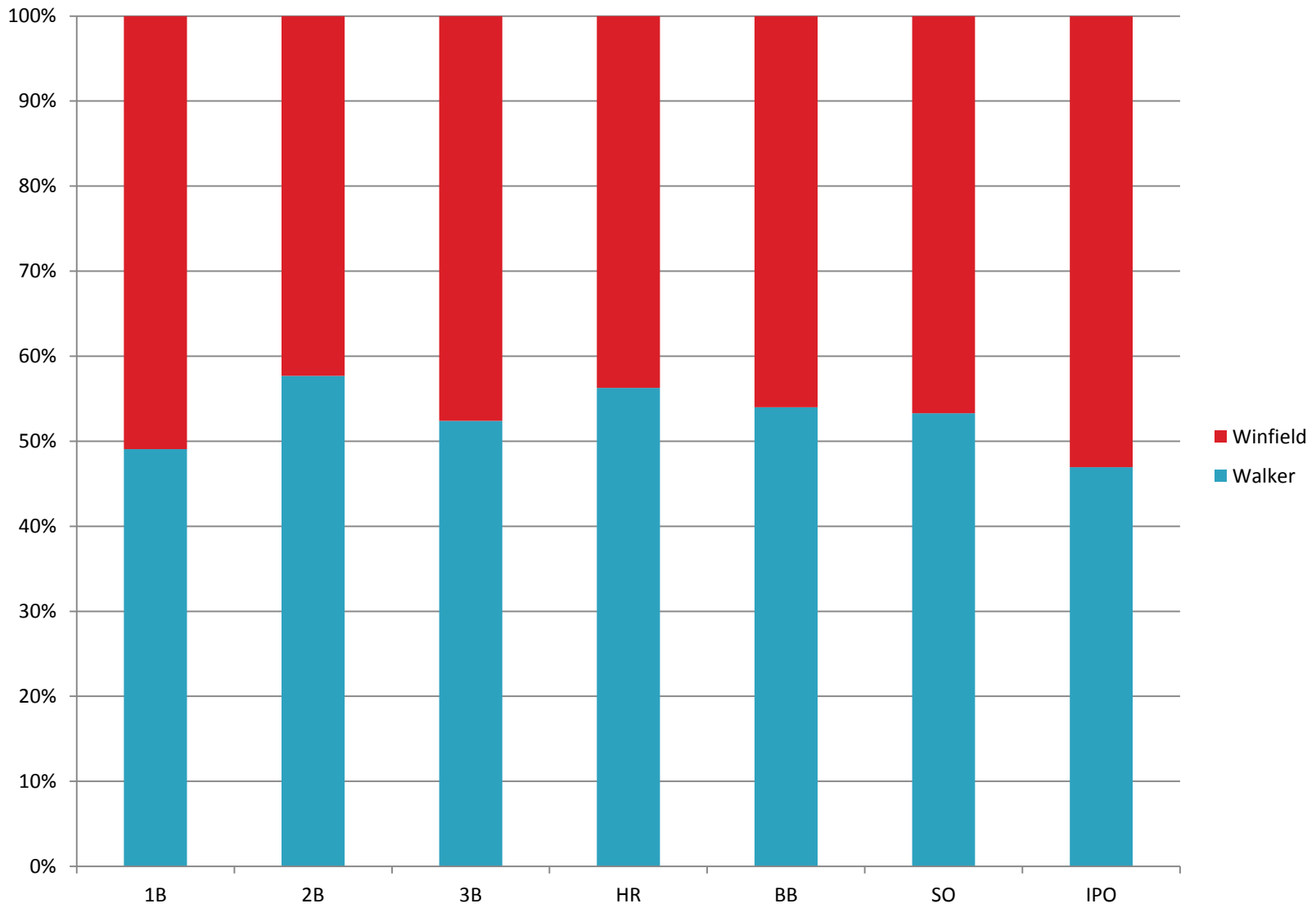
Career Stat Comparison

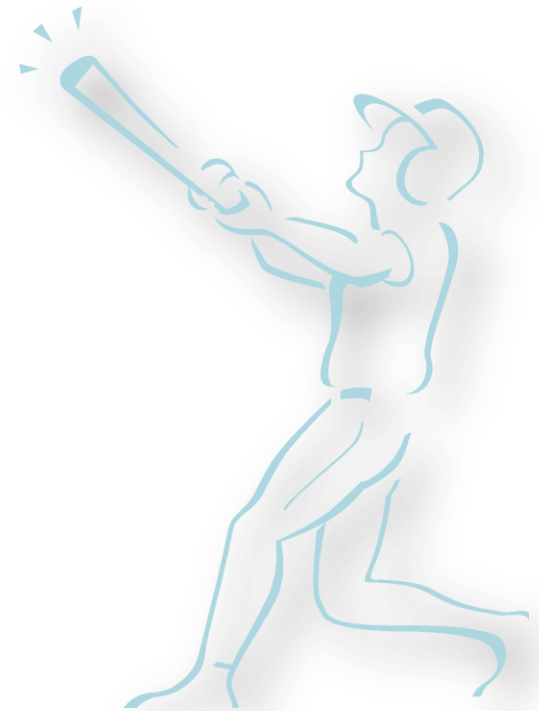
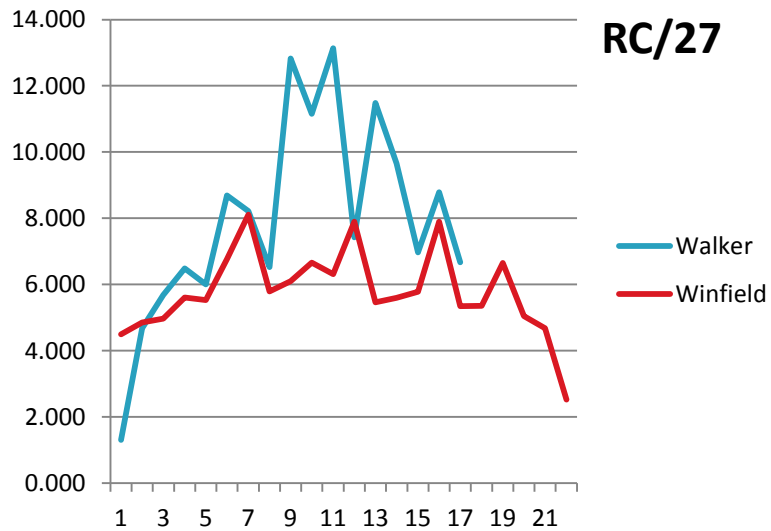
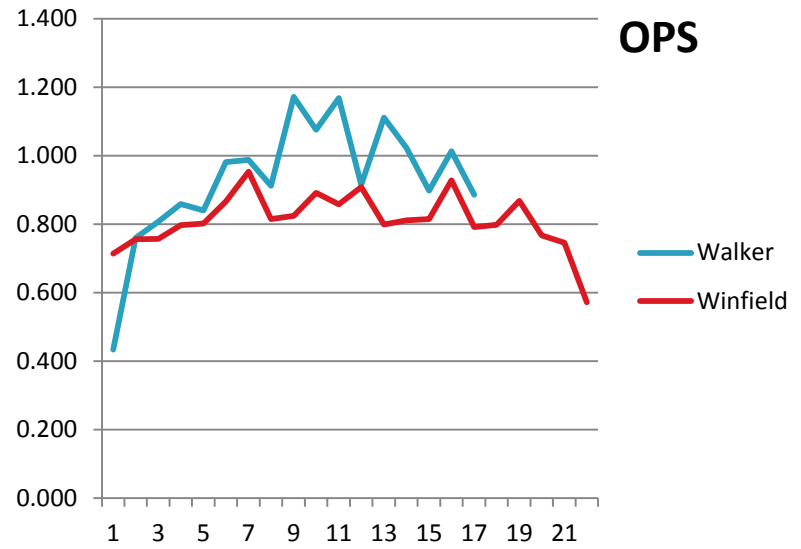
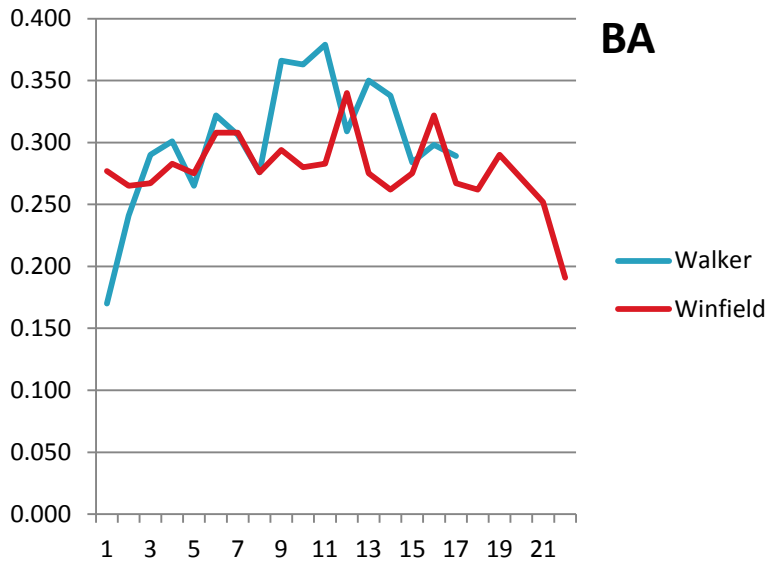
	Larry Walker	Dave Winfield
G	1988	2973
H	2160	3110
R	1355	1669
RBI	1311	1833
HR	383	465
BA	0.313	0.283
OBP	0.400	0.353
SLG	0.565	0.475

Larry Walker and Dave Winfield were clearly the same type of hitter.

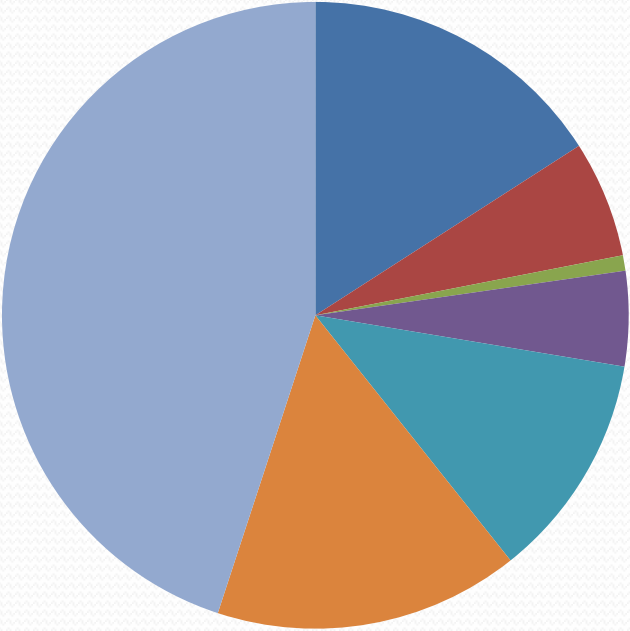






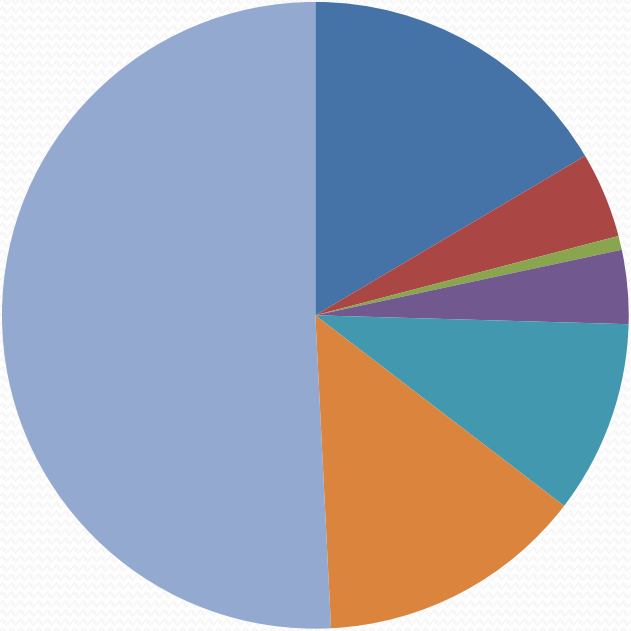


Larry Walker



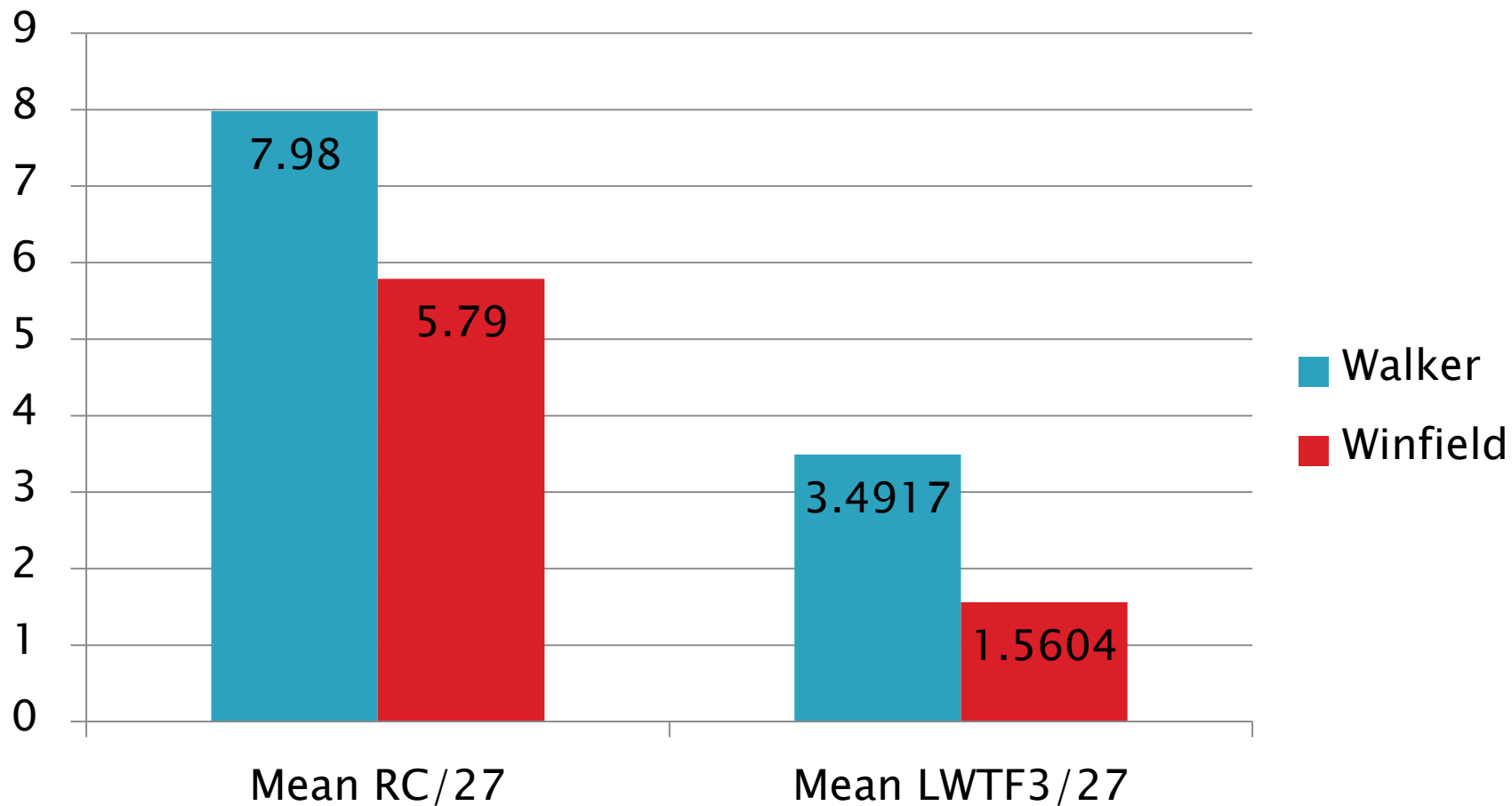
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Dave Winfield



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RC/27 and LWTF3/27 are great indicators of how a player contributes to his teams run production.



Hall of Fame Tests

	Larry Walker	Dave Winfield	
Black-ink Test	24	4	(average HOFer ≈ 27)
HOF standard test	58	56	(average HOFer ≈ 50)
Similarity Test	Vladimir Guerrero (914)	Eddie Murray (883)*	
	Duke Snider (891)*	Al Kaline (868)*	
	Ellis Burks (884)	Carl Yastrzemski (852)*	
	An * indicates a player in the hall of fame		

Closing Argument

- After careful review of the statistics presented here, I believe that Larry Walker should be inducted into the Hall of Fame. While he didn't compile the same kind of career stats that Dave Winfield did, he was more effective during the years that he did play. His career OPS of .9654 is 16th all time, .0017 shy of Joe DiMaggio and .0024 better than Alex Rodriguez. These are the types of names that Larry Walker should be surrounded by in Cooperstown, NY.