

BASEBALL: DEFENSE OR NO?

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ABSTRACT. Defense wins championships, or so they say. How do baseball organizations find the right defenders to win games? FanGraphs has published a series of metrics that teams throughout Major League Baseball use to quantify players' fielding prowess. Baseball analysts use Wins Above Replacement, WAR, to predict who should be the league most valuable player, MVP. This uses defensive metrics to quantify how many runs the player produces when the team wins. The paper will discuss the metrics that already exist, and the technology that has been developed to analyze these metrics and other measurements of a player's defensive skills.

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