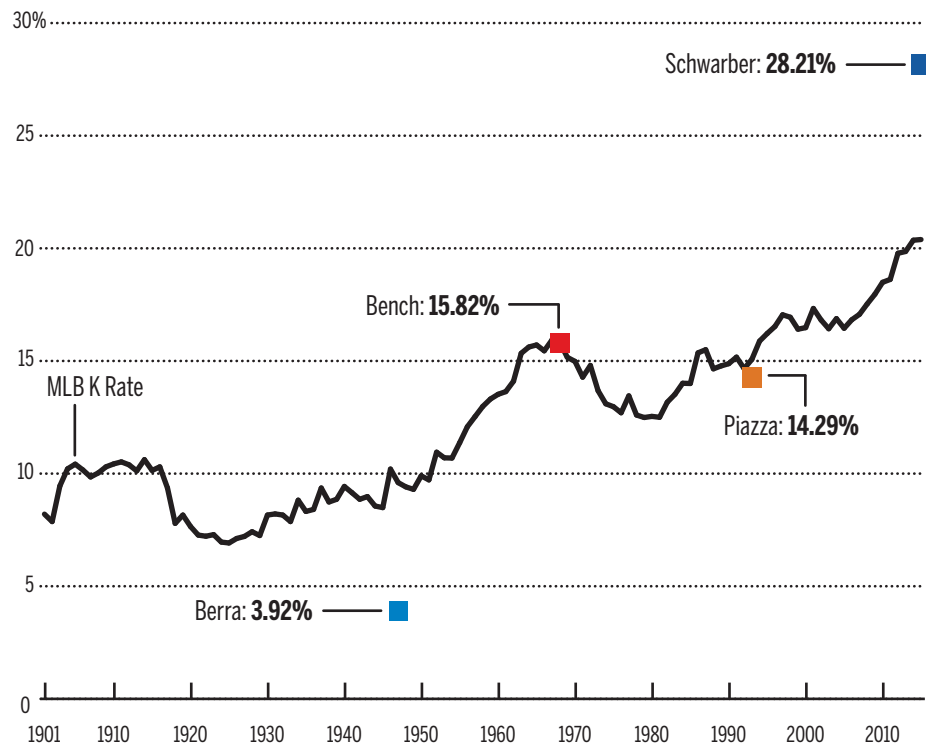
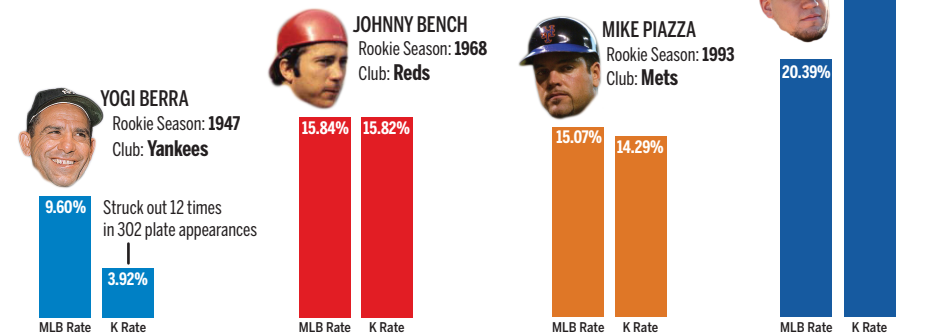


Schwarber strikeout rate less-than-stellar

The Chicago Cubs rookie phenom Kyle Schwarber hit 16 home runs in just 69 regular season games in 2015, on pace for 38 dingers had he played the entire MLB season. But Schwarber also struck out on 28.21 percent of his plate appearances this season, nearly 8 percentage points higher than the league average, 20.39 percent.

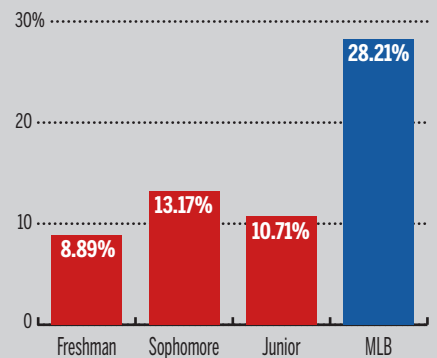
Did Schwarber strikeout too much as a rookie?

Schwarber was drafted as a catcher in 2014, and played 29 percent of his rookie season behind the plate, but his strikeout rate is drastically higher than that of famous, hitting catchers in their respective rookie seasons.



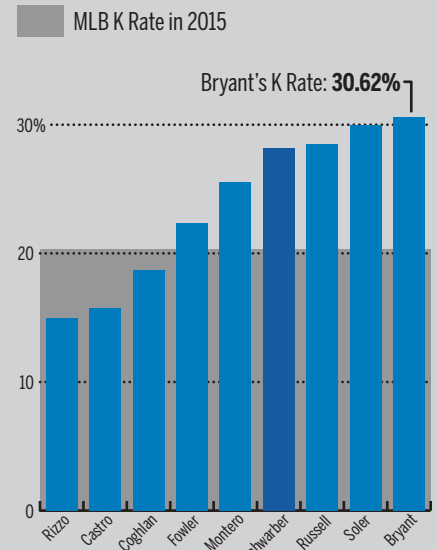
Tough transition to Majors

Schwarber's strikeout rate doubled from his days hitting home runs as a catcher for the Indiana Hoosiers in college.



Strikeout-prone Cubs

Schwarber's strikeout rate ranks fourth worst in the Cubs starting lineup in 2015, behind rookie Kris Bryant, Jorge Soler, and Addison Russell.



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