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In conclusion, big data is data collected over a large group of people.

Analytics is the ability to calculate, analyze, process, and evaluate that data.

So big data and analytics go hand in hand. They also go along with America's pastime, baseball. Analytics have had such a huge impact on the steps taken to add players to their team. As well as save them money, make money, and field the best team to win a championship. Also, big data and analytics has an impact on the fans.

With the amount of information available on the internet powering IS, each pitch is full of information and statistics of that player. Though, teams can make and save money by using analytical programs to know each player's worth for better or worse. Lastly, this technology has given baseball teams a path to follow to be successful. Using algorithms and projections to win the game inside the game, the game of numbers. So, maybe players need to start packing their calculators along with their baseball gear.

Another impact that big data and analytics plays in baseball is the way it affects the team economically. Baseball teams in the MLB pay their players ungodly amounts of money sometimes. A perfect example is Clayton Kershaw. In 2014 he signed a seven-year contract for \$215,000,000. That is what they believe he is worth to their program (Badenhausen, 2016).

Analytics plays a big part in running a player through his statistics and projections to evaluate if their superstar will be worth a long term contract.

On the other hand, if teams use big data analytics such as Billy Beane did, a team is able to afford productive players at a lower cost. Some teams in the MLB have more money to spend on players such as the Yankees, who have repeatedly been a powerhouse due to the money they can spend.

Teams with less money are able to find valuable players than can afford and get them wins. A topic that was argued in the movie is if big data analytics would even work. Especially if even seemed ethical. Investing millions of dollars in someone that you only know behind a computer screen is a slap in the face to the hard work the scouts dedicate their lives to each season. Scouts base their lifestyle on the road following players around the country to provide the best team they can. Is watching a player and knowing them face to face a thing of the past? Although analytics have been able to spot forgotten key components. For example, a number one draft pick or a wanted player may be someone flashy, with a lot of eyes on him.

Although analytics can find valuable players under the radar that can save the team money and still produce wins. The Moneyball theory puts no notice on the body of the competitor or the physical strategies that the competitor have (Lewis, 2013). This theory represents the straightforwardness of baseball by making two inquiries: Does this player get on base? plus, Can he hit? As indicated by Lewis (2003), Billy Beane (inspiration of Moneyball) chose to base his drafting of position players/hitters on specific measurements.

The two measurements that Billy came up with, waste, include an on-base percentage (OBP) and slugging rate (Academy, 2015). These two measurements he came up with is consolidated to frame another measurement approached base on an addition on-base slugging (OPS). Another angle that Beane's approach was the absence of devotion on control (Lewis, 2013).

In this manner, Beane trusted that power could be created, yet persistence at the plate and the thrive to get on base proved unable. This second theory is based on the Oakland A's manager, Billy Beane and was mentioned in a novel that illustrated by Michael Lewis entitled "Moneyball".

Additionally, Beane had faith in the thought to choose college players who are skilled on a higher level (college) in comparison to the secondary school "phenom" who needs to be molded into a skilled player. Beane's speculation was made in perspective of made by a sabermetrician named Bill James. "Sabermetrics is the numerical and measurable investigation of baseball records" (Academy, 2015).

James invested years endeavoring to unravel numbers by means of the Bill James Baseball Abstract, which thus, brought about a particular reasoning on hitters. The main theory is by and large considered the "old" scouting theory. Scouts wander out and assess players everywhere throughout the nation. They do not give careful consideration to insights, but instead construct choices in light of the five strengths: speed, speed, arm quality, hitting capacity and mental strength (Lewis, 2003). Each scout has/had experienced "scout school" and is given a flyer on what ought to be searched for in specific parts of baseball, for example, arm quality, handling, running, and the most essential hitting.

For arm, quality assessment, scouts are told to search for players showing a "liquid arm activity and simple discharge" (Major League Baseball, 2001). Besides, arm quality assessment is led with the help of a radar gun. In the

taking care of arrangement, a player with a solid arm and protective aptitudes can and do convey a player to the major leagues.

The process for spending money during a Major League Baseball player draft, which occurs around June each year. Within the draft, it has fifty rounds of selections which all thirty teams eventually pick a player that is most valuable for their team and the process goes on. When deciding on a player to be picking to be drafted, it is recommended that the team manager, scouts manager, and a professional mentor for the team to be there for the reason. Looking at players for draft day it is known that if the higher the draftee that more valuable that player will be for that team. According to Lewis (2013) it is also a procedure to know when to pick a player early or wait for a different round. In the selection process of the draft there are two main theories Lewis (2013) narrow for the teams to make it an easier process and selection. When thinking about any professional sport, especially baseball, which is America's sport, there must be money tied to it.

Virtually in every professional sport, especially baseball, money is a very big aspect when it comes to size of a team. The size of a team like (New York Yankees) that's a large team and the (Oakland Athletics) that is a small team, their organization in a market can make decent/corrupt decisions based on their economic status (Academy, 2015). For example, with small market organization teams that don't have money, they should spend it wisely unless they want a better outcome for their team; whereas, a larger market organization team doesn't have to spend their money wisely due to the fact it is expendable (Lewis, 2013).