

“Walks’ll kill ya” – but by how much?

Do 80% of walked runners in the game of baseball score?

Georgia Tech Baseball’s 2015 Season: (sample)

Total Games: 55

Total Walks: 250

Total Walks that Scored: 78

Total Walks that Scored / Total Walks = **31.2%**

Total Runs Against GT: 306

Total Runs from Walks / Total Runs Against GT = **25.49%**

Avg. Margin of Loss by GT: 5.391 runs

1 Less Walk per Game: saves **17.16 runs***

1/3 Less Walks Overall: saves **25.896 runs***

*Assuming 1 less walk would lead to 0.312 less runs

Parameter of interest: Percentage of walked runners who score, p.

Hypothesis: $H_0: p = 0.80$

$H_1: p \neq 0.80$

Test statistic: $Z_0 = \left(Z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \right)$

Point estimate of proportion parameter: $\hat{p} = 0.312$

95% Confidence Interval: $\alpha = 0.05, z_{\alpha/2} = z_{0.025} = 1.96$

n = 250

Rejection region: Reject H_0 if p falls outside of $\hat{p} \pm Z_0$

Computations: $\left(\hat{p} - Z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}, \hat{p} + Z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \right)$

$$\left(0.312 - 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.312(1-0.312)}{250}}, 0.312 + 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.312(1-0.312)}{250}} \right)$$

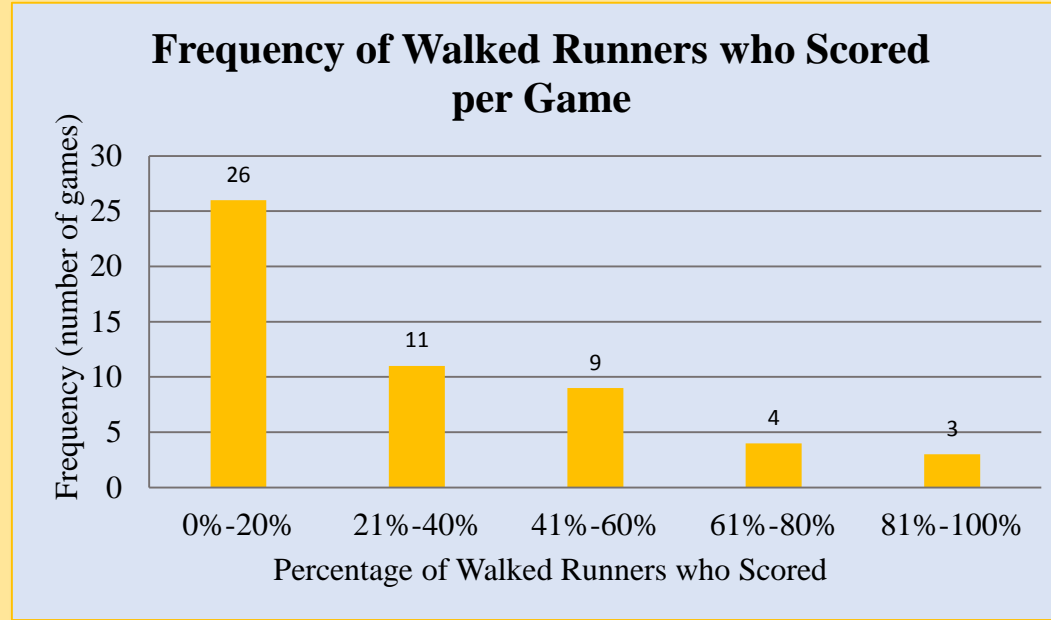
= (0.312 – 0.0574324817, 0.312 + 0.0574324817)

= **(0.2545675183, 0.3694324817)**

Conclusion: p = 0.80 **is not** within (0.2545675183, 0.3694324817) => Reject H_0

95% confident p is within (0.2545675183, 0.3694324817)

=> About 25% to 37% of walked runners circle the bases to score.



Best at Getting out of Trouble	
Pitcher	Total Walks that Scored/Pitcher %
P. Wiseman	0%
Parr	21%
Ryan	27%
King	28%
Gold	28%
Datoc	29%
Phillips	33%
J. Wiseman	33%
Craport	33%

