



Chris Sale

Notes from 2017 Regular Season

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Chris Sale threw at least two strikes in his first three pitches to 74.4% (490/659) of opposing batters in the 2017 season -- **highest among qualified SPs in MLB**; League Avg: 63.4%.

Opponents had a first pitch chase rate of 21.8% (81/371) against **Chris Sale** in the 2017 season -- **highest among qualified SPs in MLB**; League Avg: 15.0%.

Chris Sale allowed a slugging percentage of .763 (58 Total Bases / 76 ABs) on pitches in the strike zone over the last 30 days of the regular season (5 Games) -- **worst among qualified SPs in MLB**; League Avg: .487.

Chris Sale allowed an OPS of .847 (262 PAs) when he's behind in the count over the last two seasons -- **best among qualified SPs in MLB**; League Avg: 1.054.

Chris Sale threw his changeup 28.0% of the time (35/125) on the first pitch of at-bats over the last 30 days of the regular season (5 Games) -- **highest among qualified SPs in MLB**; League Avg: 10.0%.

Left-handed hitters had a Well-Hit Avg of .081 (10/123) against **Chris Sale** in the 2017 season -- **2nd best among qualified SPs in MLB**; League Avg: .163.

Opponents batted .128 (121-for-947) against **Chris Sale** with two strikes over the last two seasons -- **3rd best among qualified SPs in MLB**; League Avg: .168

Chris Sale threw off-speed pitches 57.3% of the time (490/855) on the first pitch of at-bats in the 2017 season -- **highest among qualified SPs in MLB**; League Avg: 37.0%.

Chris Sale allowed an OBP of .246 (130 PAs) vs left-handed batters in the 2017 season -- **2nd best among qualified SPs in MLB**; League Avg: .318.

Opponents had a groundball rate of just 36.5% (50/137) against **Chris Sale** on low breaking pitches over the last two seasons -- **lowest among qualified SPs in MLB**; League Avg: 53.0%.

Chris Sale walked 9 of 267 left-handed batters (3.4%) over the last two seasons -- **2nd best among qualified SPs in MLB**; League Avg: 7.7%.

Chris Sale threw his slider 46.8% of the time (44/94) vs left-handed batters over the last 30 days of the regular season (4 Games) -- **3rd highest among qualified SPs in MLB**; League Avg: 18.3%.

Opponents had a miss rate of 29.4% (286/972) against **Chris Sale** when going through the lineup the third time in a game over the last two seasons -- **4th best among qualified SPs in MLB**; League Avg: 23.3%.

Chris Sale had a strike rate of 70.2% (382/544) with RISP in the 2017 season -- **highest among qualified SPs in MLB**; League Avg: 63.5%.

Chris Sale did not record any of his 83 strikeouts (0.0) with his changeup vs left-handed batters over the last two seasons -- **tied for lowest among qualified SPs in MLB**; League Avg: 12.0%.

Chris Sale recorded 20 of his 41 strikeouts (48.8%) with his slider vs left-handed batters in the 2017 season -- **8th highest among qualified SPs in MLB**; League Avg: 26.0%.

Chris Sale induced opposing right-handed batters to ground into 10 double plays in 112 opportunities (8.9%) in the 2017 season -- **6th worst among qualified SPs in MLB**; League Avg: 13.9%.