



# CAL RALEIGH V. SEATTLE MARINERS

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*Club filing: \$4,500,000*

*Midpoint: \$5,250,000*

*Player filing: \$6,000,000*



# **CBA SECTION VI (E) \$ SECTION (10)(B)**

- 1. The quality of Raleigh's contribution to the Mariners during the past season;**
- 2. The length and consistency of Raleigh's career contribution;**
- 3. The record of Raleigh's past compensation;**
- 4. Comparative baseball salaries;**
- 5. Raleigh's physical or mental defects; and**
- 6. The recent performance record of the Mariners (including but not limited to the Mariners's League standing and attendance as an indication of public acceptance)**



# CAL RALEIGH

## Themes:

1. Elite Performance
2. Durable Franchise Leader
3. Rising Value of Catchers

Midpoint:  
\$5.25 Million

**Heart and Soul of the team.**



# 1.) ELITE PERFORMANCE

Excellent Defender with Exceptional Offensive Power

Raleigh HR & OPS (2022-2024)		
Year	HR	OPS
2022	27	.774
2023	30	.762
2024	34	.748

**DEFENSIVE RUNS  
SAVED  
(2024)**

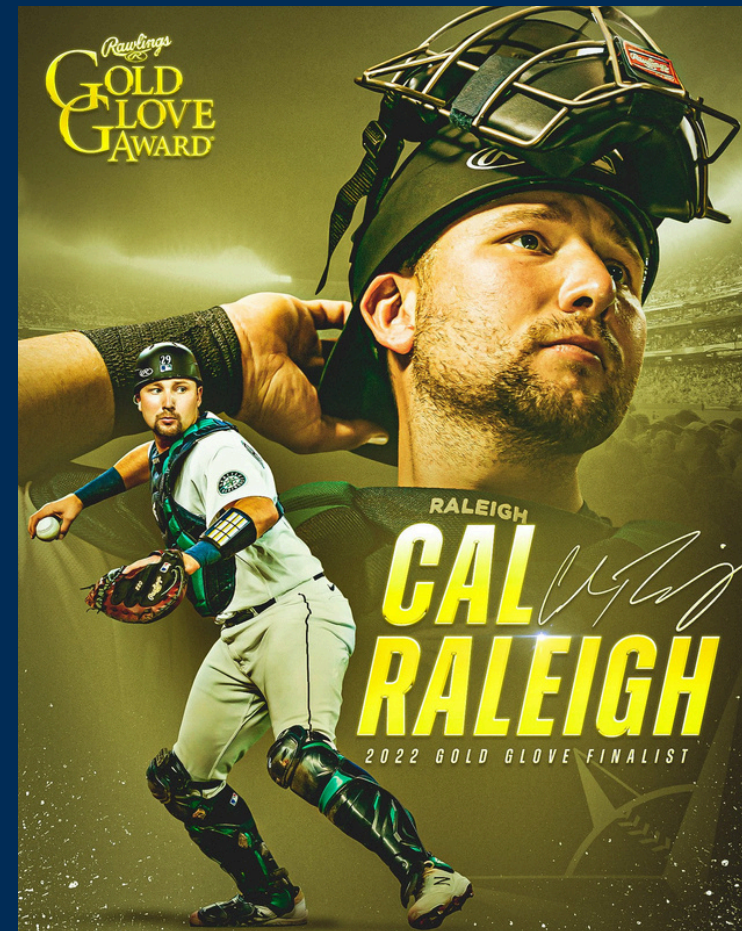


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# 1.) ELITE PERFORMANCE

WAR RANK  
AMONG CATCHERS  
(2024)

#1



*Superstar with Game Changing Talent*

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# 2.) DURABLE FRANCHISE LEADER

## Consistent and Reliable Leader for His Team

- **Durable:** 120+ games at an elite level from a catcher is rare
- **Game Changer:** His Torrid Offensive Performance played a key role in the Mariners turnaround, pushing them into the playoffs
- **Exceptional Leader:** He has elite game calling abilities, which contribute greatly to his teams success

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# 3.) RISING VALUE OF CATCHERS

Market Comparisons Put Him Over the Midpoint

Will Smith



\$5.65M

Gary Sanchez



\$6.71M

Matt Wieters



\$7.5M



Midpoint: \$5.25 Million

# **IN SUMMARY**

## **Heart and Soul of the Team**

**Cal Raleigh's historic Platinum Glove, unmatched leadership, and league-leading WAR among catchers in 2024 embody the rare combination of impact and excellence that demands recognition at the midpoint.**

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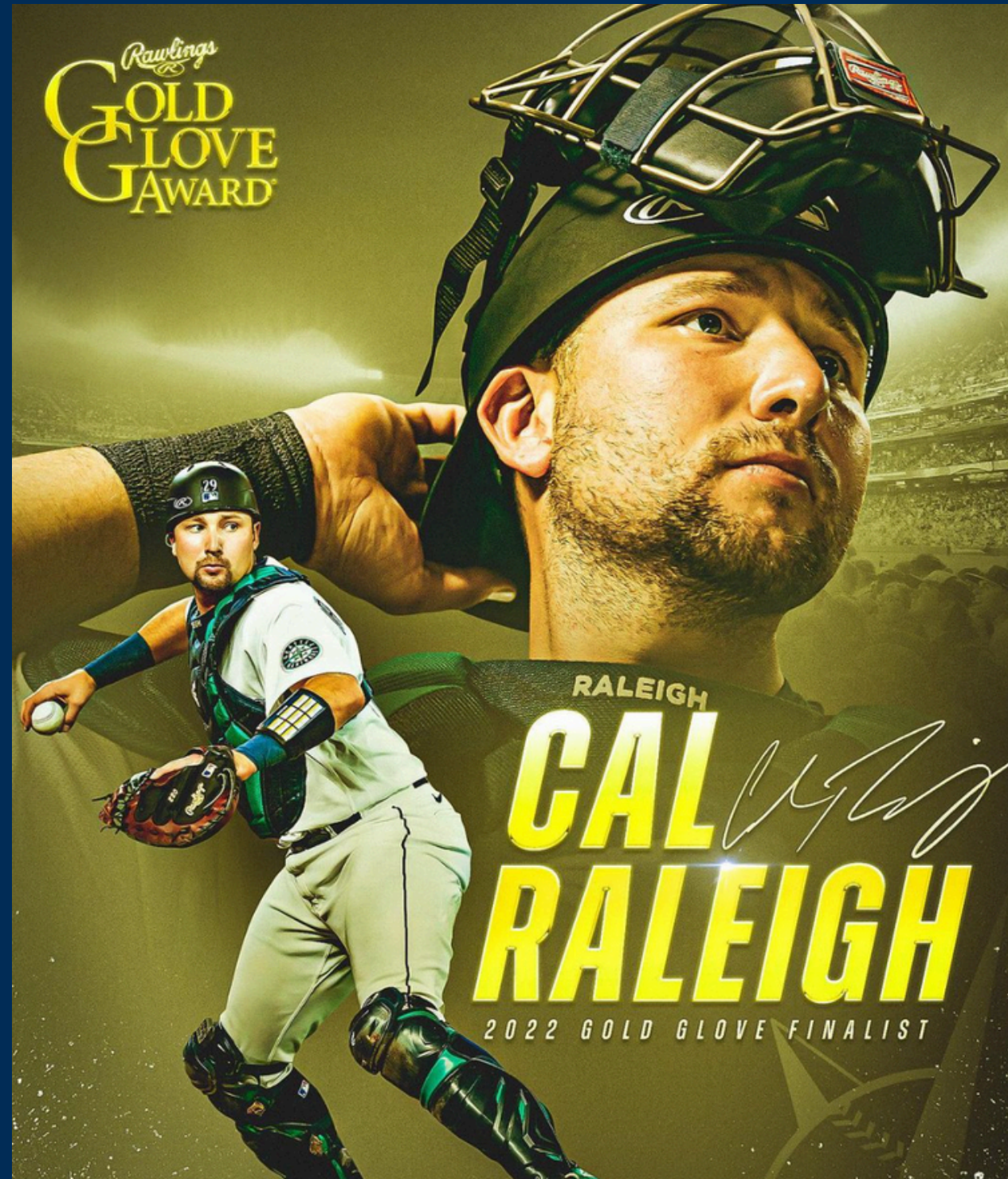


# CAREER STATS

Player	Year	Tm	MLS	IL	G	GS	PA	R	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS	rWAR	fWAR
Raleigh, Cal	2021	SEA	0.085	0	47	36	148	6	2	13	.180	.223	.309	.532	-0.5	-0.1
Raleigh, Cal	2022	SEA	1.000	0	119	100	415	46	27	63	.211	.284	.489	.774	3.9	4.2
Raleigh, Cal	2023	SEA	1.000	0	145	128	569	78	30	75	.232	.306	.456	.762	3.2	4.3
Raleigh, Cal	2024	SEA	1.000	0	153	143	628	73	34	100	.220	.312	.436	.748	4.7	5.4
Career Totals	2021-24	SEA	3.085	0	464	407	1,760	203	93	251	.218	.296	.444	.740	11.3	13.9

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# RALEIGH'S ACCOLADES AND MARKET IMPACT



- Most homers in a catchers first four seasons? CAL RALEIGH, 93
- WON the FIRST Gold Glove for a Mariners catcher
- Finished #1 in WAR for all catchers in the MLB this year
- Raleigh has ranked among the top catchers in MLB in home runs
- OPS+ places him well above the league average for catchers,

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# RALEIGH'S ACCOLADES



Midpoint: \$5,250,000

# COMPARATIVE BASEBALL SALARIES



**Matt Wieters**

**C, \$7.5M**

**4x All-Star, 2x Gold Glove**



**Will Smith**

**C, \$5.65M**

**2x All-Star, 2x World Series**



**Gary Sánchez**

**C, \$6.17M**

**2x All-Star, Silver Slugger**

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# COMPARATIVE BASEBALL SALARIES



**Matt Wieters**

**C, \$7.5M**

**4x All-Star, 2x Gold Glove**



**Cal Raleigh**

**C, \$5.25M**

**Gold Glove, Platinum Glove**

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# PLATFORM SEASON

**Cal Raleigh**  
**C, \$5.25M**  
**Gold Glove,**  
**Platinum Glove**

**Matt Wieters**  
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**4x All-Star,**  
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Wieters, Matt	2012	BAL	1.000	0	144	141	593	67	23	83	.249	.329	.435	.764	4.1	4.5	\$5,500,000	

- **Wieters made \$5,500,000 in 2012**
  - **(adjusted for inflation \$7,500,000)**
- **Both Top 20 in MVP votes & Gold Glove winners**
- **Raleigh set a new MLB record for HR in a player's first four seasons as a catcher while playing Gold Glove defense**

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# RALEIGH'S POWER OUTPUT



- Power Output (HRs and RBIs)
  - 2024: 34 HR and 100 RBIs > Wieters' 23 HR and 83 RBIs in 2012
  - Raleigh Career: 93 HR and 251 RBIs
  - His consistent power production is more substantial, particularly in a position not typically known for prolific offensive numbers.

Cal Raleigh  
C, \$5.25M

Gold Glove, Platinum Glove

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# RALEIGH'S CONSISTENCY (fWAR)



**Cal Raleigh**  
**C, \$5.25M**  
**Gold Glove, Platinum Glove**

- Raleigh's fWAR in 2024 was 5.4 > Wieters' 3.5 in 2012.
- His cumulative 13.9 career fWAR is evidence of consistent, elite contributions on defense and offense.
- This demonstrates that Raleigh's value to his team is far greater over a similar time frame.

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# RALEIGH'S DURABILITY



**Cal Raleigh**  
C, \$5.25M

Gold Glove, Platinum Glove

- Raleigh played **153** games in 2024, showcasing his durability and stamina.
- Wieters played less games (**144**) in 2012.
- Raleigh has shown he can handle a demanding workload over multiple seasons while still producing at a high level.

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# RALEIGH'S ELITE OFFENSIVE METRICS



**Cal Raleigh**

**C, \$5.25M**

**Gold Glove, Platinum Glove**



**Matt Wieters**

**C, \$7.5M**

**4x All-Star, 2x Gold Glove**

- Raleigh's OPS (.748 in 2024) is comparable to Wieters' OPS+ of 110 in 2012, but Raleigh's power pushes his value higher when factoring in league adjustments.
- Across his career, Raleigh has grown as a hitter, with his OBP (.312 in 2024) indicating improved plate discipline and approach.

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# RALEIGH'S DEFENSIVE VALUE

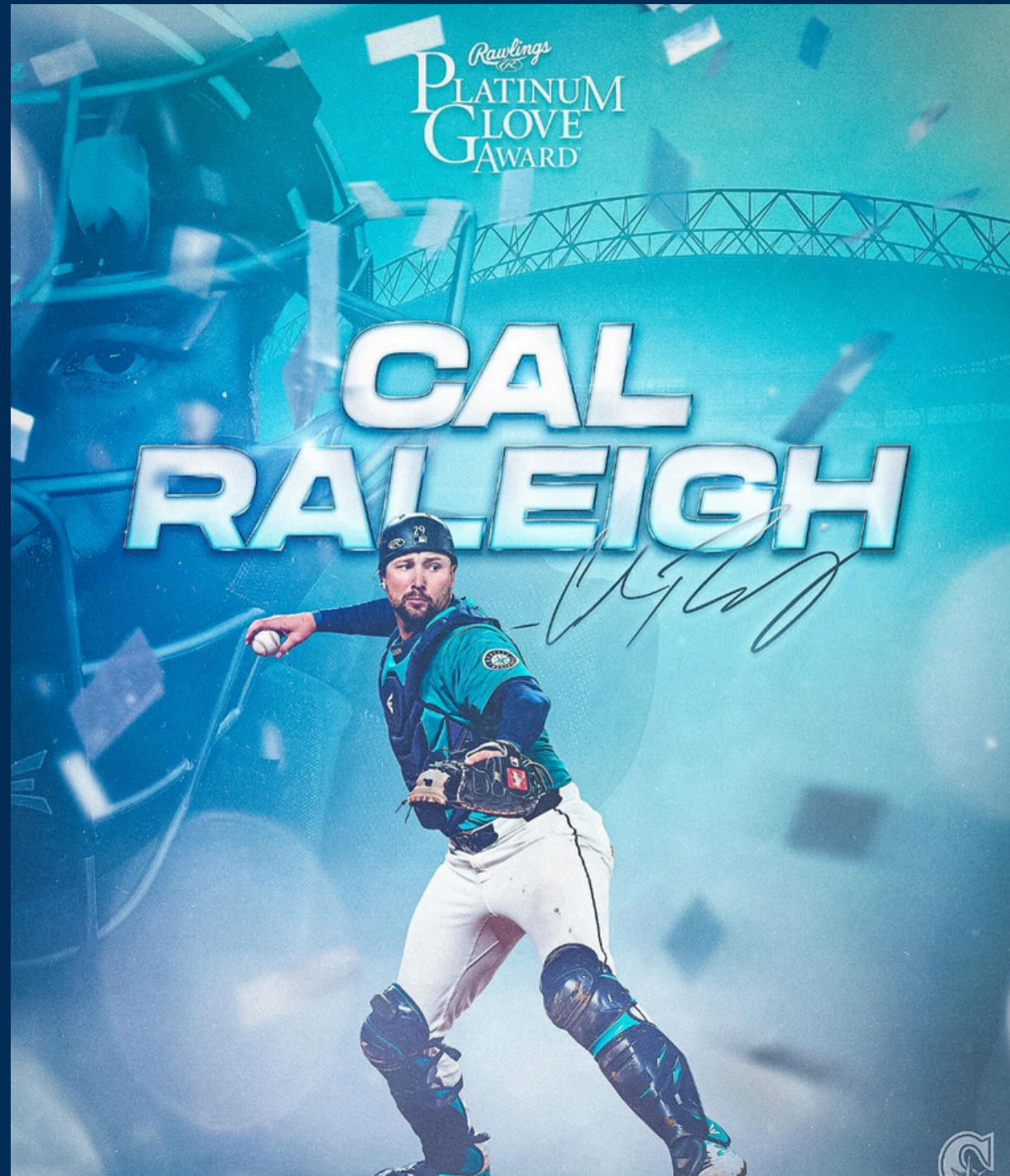


**Cal Raleigh**  
**C, \$5.25M**  
**Gold Glove, Platinum Glove**

- While Wieters had a solid 10 DRS in 2012, Raleigh's higher WAR figures suggest his defensive contributions combined with offensive prowess give him the edge
- Raleigh's ability to manage a pitching staff and contribute behind the plate further cements his value.

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# RALEIGH'S ACCOLADES AND MARKET IMPACT



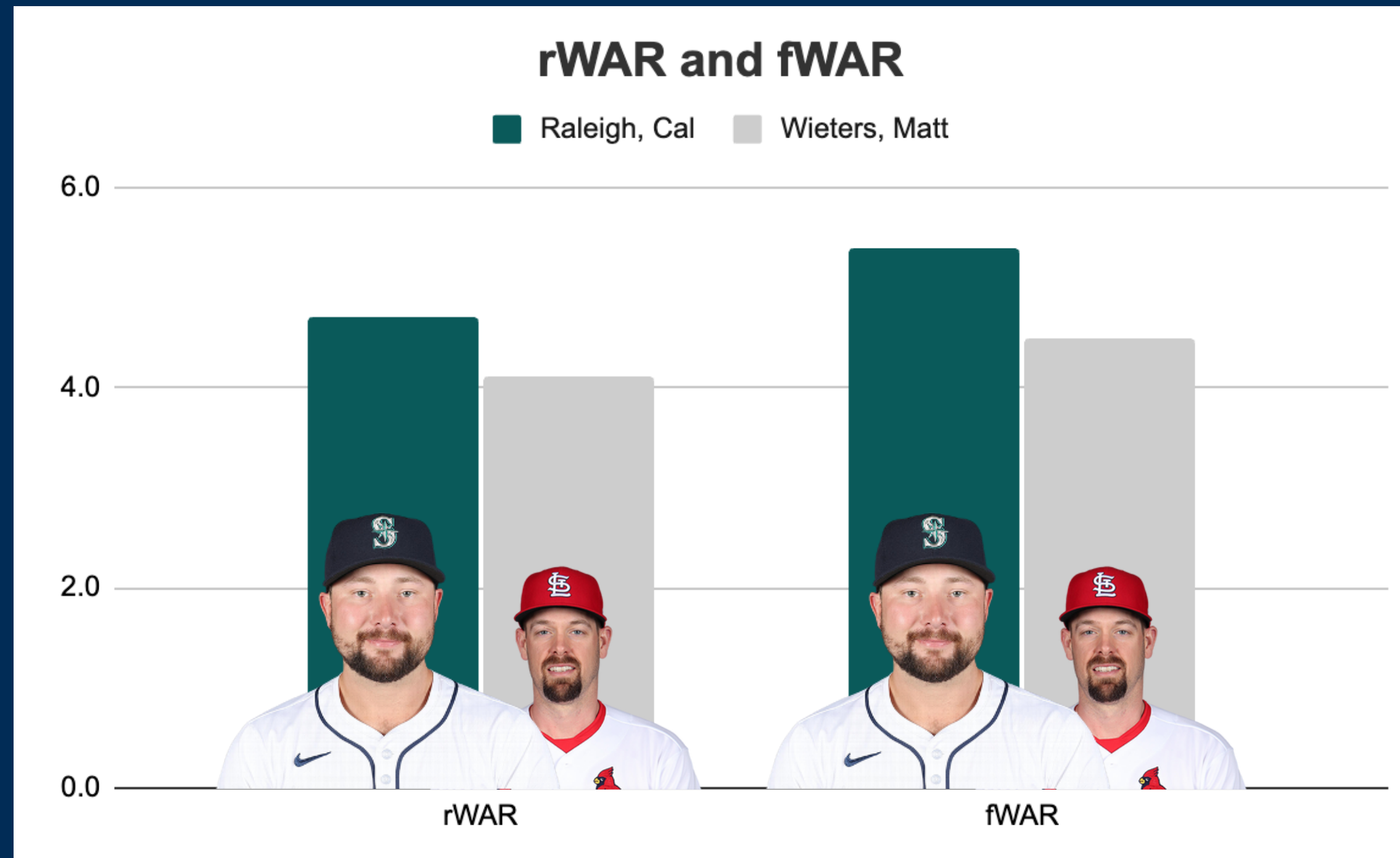
- While specific accolades like Gold Gloves or MVP votes aren't listed, Raleigh's numbers clearly put him in elite company among catchers.
- His sustained performance and improvement year-over-year indicate he has likely surpassed Wieters' peak performance in value and contribution.

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# PLATFORM SEASON

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# **RALEIGH VS. WIETERS**

**Matt Wieters**

**C, \$7.5M**

**4x All-Star, 2x Gold Glove**

- **Cal Raleigh's power, durability, and all-around game make him more elite and more impactful than Matt Wieters in his prime.**
- **The arbitration salary of \$6 million is well justified, as his current production surpasses the adjusted \$7.5 million value of Wieters.**
- **Raleigh is a leader among catchers, making him worth every penny requested.**

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# COMPARATIVE BASEBALL SALARIES



**Will Smith**

**C, \$5.65M**

**2x All-Star, 2x World Series**



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Smith, Will	2022	LAD	1.000	1	137	130	578	68	24	87	.260	.0	7.0	124.0	508.0	4.4	4.3	\$5,250,000

- **Smith made \$5,250,000 in 2022**
  - **(adjusted for inflation \$5,650,000)**
- **Raleigh has the significantly better accolades**

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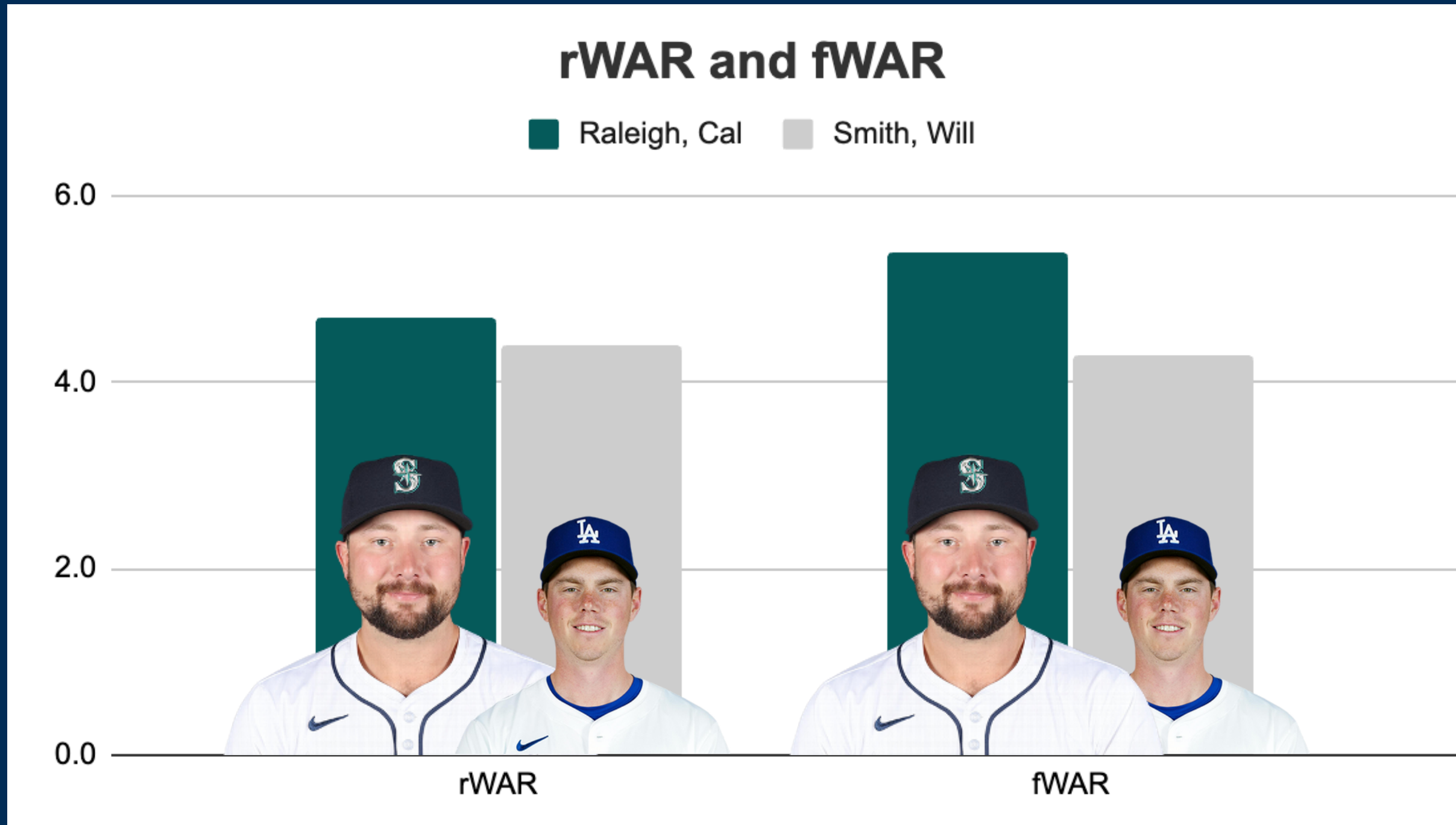
		
<a href="#">Cal Raleigh</a>		<a href="#">Will Smith</a>
Overall Stats		
4.7	WAR	3.5
153	G	128
628	PA	544
120	H	118
34	HR	20
100	RBI	75
6	SB	1
.220	BA	.248
.312	OBP	.327
.436	SLG	.433
.748	OPS	.760
119	OPS+	116
Awards & Honors		
	Championships	1
	All-Star	1
1	Gold Glove	

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# POWER AND RUN PRODUCTION

- **Runs Batted In (RBI):**

- **Cal Raleigh: 100 RBI**
- **Will Smith: 87 RBI**
- **Raleigh excels in driving in runs, making him a clutch performer and an integral offensive asset.**

- **Home Runs (HR):**

- **Cal Raleigh: 34 HR**
- **Will Smith: 24 HR**
- **Raleigh leads significantly in home run power, showing elite production at the plate. This type of power is rare at the catcher position.**

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# DEFENSIVE SUPERIORITY

- **Defensive Runs Saved (DRS):**
  - **Cal Raleigh: 17 DRS**
  - **Will Smith: 7 DRS**
    - **Raleigh is clearly the better defensive catcher, with over double the defensive value measured by DRS. His ability to save runs and manage pitchers is a key factor in his overall value.**
- **Caught Stealing Percentage (CS%):**
  - **Cal Raleigh: 1**
  - **Will Smith: 0**
    - **Raleigh demonstrates the ability to control the running game, while Smith's contribution in this area is not as impactful.**

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# DURABILITY

- **Games Played (G) and Plate Appearances (PA):**
  - **Cal Raleigh: 153 G, 628 PA**
  - **Will Smith: 137 G, 578 PA**
- **Raleigh played significantly more games and had more plate appearances, showcasing his durability and consistency over a long season.**



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# COMPARATIVE BASEBALL SALARIES



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- **Sánchez made \$5,000,000 in 2019**
  - **(adjusted for inflation \$6,170,000 )**
- **Similar accolades**

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# 2024 SEASON

Cal Raleigh

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Gold Glove, Platinum Glove



Overall Stats		
0.2	WAR	4.7
89	G	153
280	PA	628
54	H	120
11	HR	34
37	RBI	100
0	SB	6
.220	BA	.220
.307	OBP	.312
.392	SLG	.436
.699	OPS	.748
93	OPS+	119
Awards & Honors		
	Championships	
	Gold Glove	1

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# POWER AND RUN PRODUCTION

- **Home Runs (HR):**
  - **Cal Raleigh: 34 HR**
  - **Gary Sánchez: 34 HR**
    - **Both players demonstrate elite power-hitting abilities. However, Raleigh achieved this over a significantly higher number of plate appearances (628), showing his durability and consistency throughout the season.**
- **Runs Batted In (RBI):**
  - **Cal Raleigh: 100 RBI**
  - **Gary Sánchez: 77 RBI**
    - **Raleigh's ability to drive in runs is far superior, demonstrating that he is more effective in clutch situations and contributes more to his team's scoring.**

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# DURABILITY

- **Games Played (G) and Plate Appearances (PA):**
  - **Cal Raleigh: 153 G, 628 PA**
  - **Gary Sánchez: 106 G, 446 PA**
- **Raleigh played nearly 50% more games, showcasing his reliability and stamina as a catcher, a physically demanding position.**
- **Raleigh's higher workload emphasizes his ability to consistently contribute, while Sánchez's lower number suggests less availability and impact over the course of a season.**



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# DEFENSE

- **Defensive Runs Saved (DRS):**
  - **Cal Raleigh: 17 DRS**
  - **Gary Sánchez: -2 DRS**
- **Raleigh is a significantly better defensive catcher, as Sánchez had negative defensive contributions. Raleigh's 17 DRS highlights his elite ability to prevent runs, frame pitches, and control the game behind the plate.**



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# CONSISTENCY IN OFFENSIVE METRICS

- **OPS+ (Adjusted OPS):**
  - **Cal Raleigh: 119 OPS+**
  - **Gary Sánchez: 119 OPS+**
    - Both players are equally adjusted offensively, but Raleigh's defensive and durability edge make his overall value much greater.



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# SALARY COMPARISON

- Gary Sánchez's Salary (2019): \$5,000,000
- Cal Raleigh's Midpoint: \$5,250,000
  - Given Raleigh's vastly superior defensive metrics, higher RBI total, greater durability, and significantly higher fWAR, his request for \$5.25M is not only reasonable but underestimates his value compared to Sánchez.



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# SALARY COMPARISON

- Cal Raleigh outshines Gary Sánchez in nearly every key category, particularly in durability, defensive performance (17 DRS vs. -2 DRS), and overall value (5.4 fWAR vs. 2.1 fWAR).
- Unicorn: a power hitter and elite defender, far surpassing Sánchez's contributions in his comparable season.
- Raleigh deserves recognition as a premier catcher in the league.

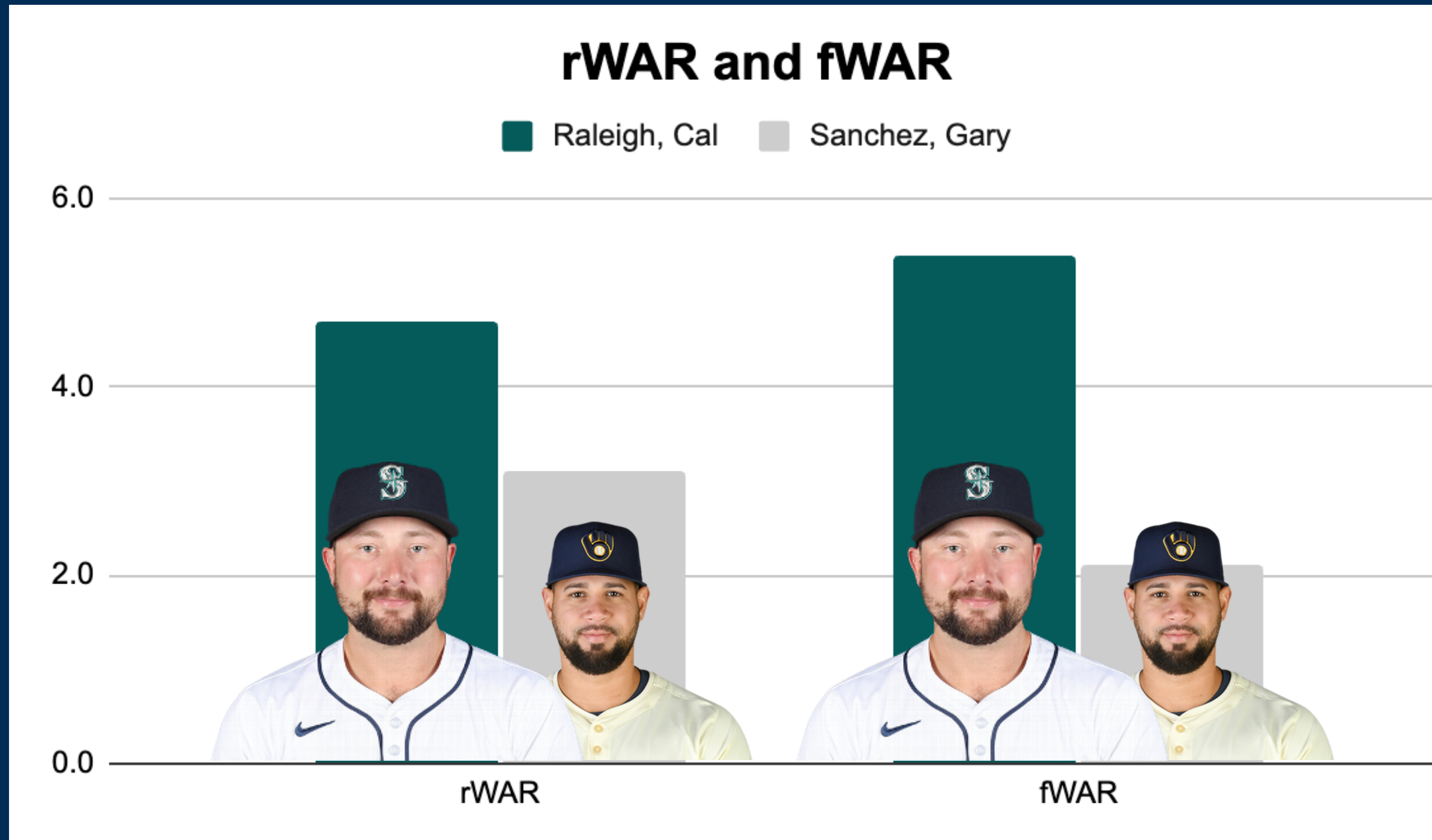


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# PLATFORM SEASON

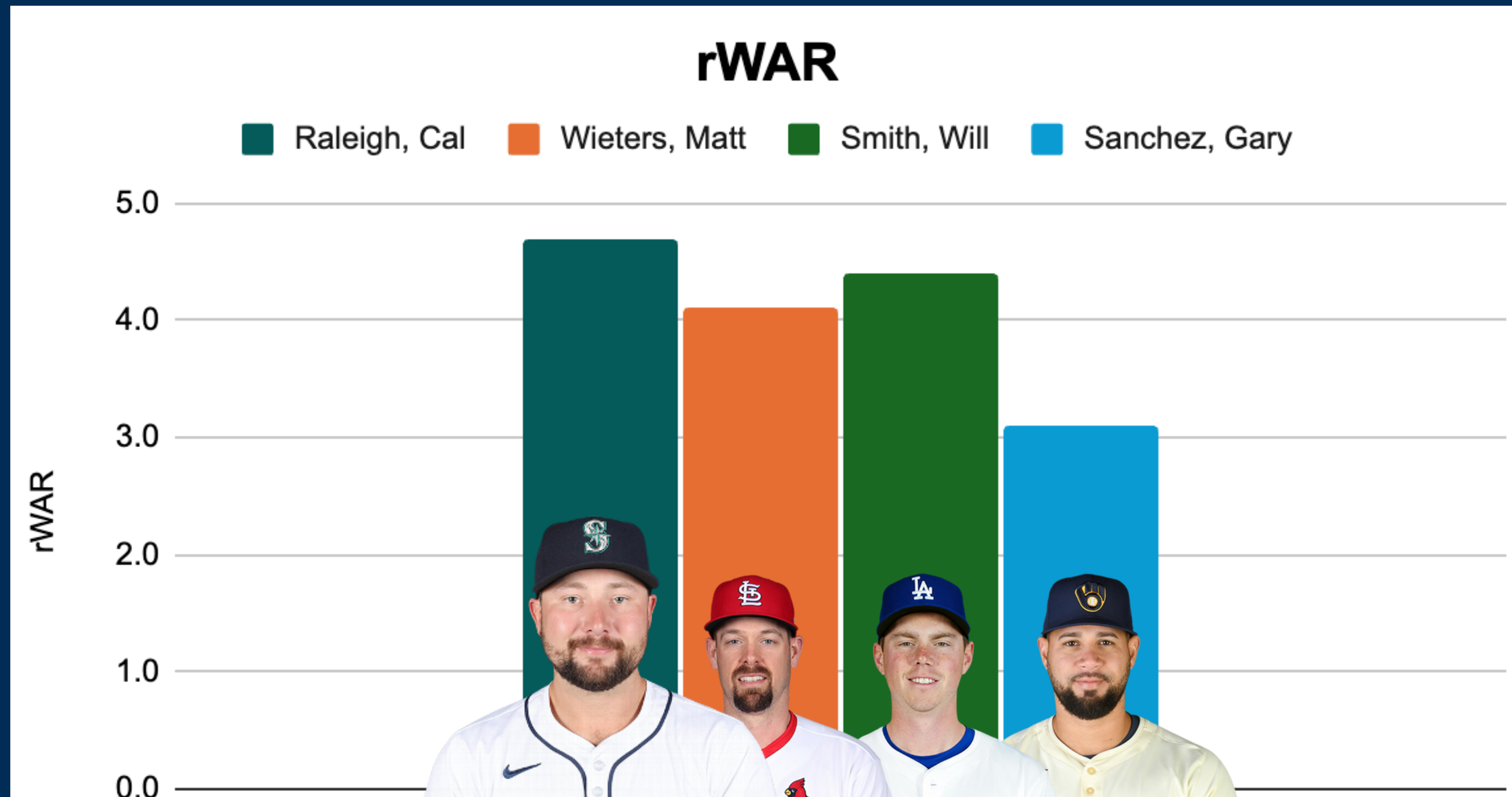
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# PLATFORM SEASON



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# REBUTTAL

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