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Breaking The Division Races Down On Memorial Day

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For instance, it's fairly common knowledge on May 29 that the Royals aren't going to be chall

At the same time, there aren't many people outside of the Dallas-Fort Worth region who expecte

How good of an indicator of future success is being in first place on Memorial Day? Since 1990

In 2005, the Marlins, Cardinals, Padres, Orioles, White Sox and Rangers were leading their div

Three of the six teams leading on Memorial Day in 2004 ended up carrying their divisions at th

So while a Memorial Day lead is a fairly good indicator, it's far from a guarantee. Just ask t

As of May 29th this season, the Red Sox, Tigers, Rangers, Mets, Cardinals and Diamondbacks are

Best Bets

I expect the Tigers, Cardinals and Diamondbacks to hold on their leads.

Though the Tigers only have a two-game lead in the AL Central on the defending World Series ch

While it's safe to assume that the pitching will drop off slightly, it's also reasonable to as

In the NL Central, no team is on the same level as the Cardinals (unless Houston gets Roger Cl

The Diamondbacks, meanwhile, are a better team than given credit for, and they have the fortun

Arizona is a surprisingly balanced team, sitting in seventh place overall with a team ERA of 4

At the plate, the Diamondbacks aren't going to kill you with the long ball, but they have a so

Worst Bets

The Red Sox, Rangers and Mets are the three teams poised to fall out of their present frontrun

Boston's lineup was the premier one in baseball the past two seasons. This season, the Red Sox

However, Boston's pitching figures to continue to struggle. Josh Beckett and Curt Schilling ha

The Rangers have a surprising three-game lead over the A's, but they're only 26-24, and the ot

Texas is 9th in the league in runs scored with 258. On the other hand, Seattle is 20th with 23

The Texas rotation is running basically four deep at this point. Kevin Millwood is supposed to

The Mets are one of the more talented teams in baseball and have a four-game lead over the Bra  
What the Mets won't have to worry about is the front of their rotation. Tom Glavine is having

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