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**Divisional Outlook – NL East**

**By Jay Nault**

The NL East is shaping up to be a three-team race, with the Atlanta Braves jumping back into the foray with a recent hot streak. The Mets, Phillies and Braves are all relatively close to each other, and the tension in the division surrounds the possibility that the Braves' incredible string of postseason appearances ending in 2006.

**New York Mets**

Currently: The Mets are a star-studded roster filled with household names, but the BA leader is young and unheralded 3B David Wright. He and Paul Lo Duca are the gnats that are constantly on base, and Carlos Delgado and Carlos Beltran are consistently bringing them home with power. However, the true strength of this team is pitching, led by Pedro Martinez and the ageless Tom Glavine. The Mets lead the NL in BAA.

Outlook: The timeless baseball proverb states that good pitching beats good hitting, so if the Mets' staff can keep up with its current pace, they appear to be the favorites in the division.

**Philadelphia Phillies**

Currently: The Phillies have been knocking on the postseason door in recent seasons, and they're once again in strong contention. The Phillies are doing it with the offensive spark being supplied by CF Aaron Rowand and 2B Chase Utley, as each of them are batting over .300. Ryan Howard and Pat Burrell are handling the power end of things. The team's pitching, other than reliever Tom Gordon, has been spotty. The staff is allowing the second highest BAA in the NL.

Outlook: If the Phillies are going to finally get into the playoffs, their pitching will need to improve, and stars like Bobby Abreu and Jimmy Rollins will need to round into form. What's good is that they are staying within reach while struggling in many ways.

**Atlanta Braves**

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Currently: It seems strange to see the Braves in the middle of the division standings, but they appear to be hitting their stride. The team's offense has been consistent as usual, with mainstays like Chipper and Andruw Jones having solid seasons, and Edgar Renteria and young C Brian McCann having great years. Overall, their pitching has been mediocre, and they rank in the middle of the NL in most relevant categories.

Outlook: If their offense can keep pace and their pitching comes around as it has lately, the Braves will not go away quietly. One thing is sure – this team knows how to win divisions, so it'd be foolish to count them out this early.

### Washington Nationals

Currently: The Nationals are off to a disappointing start after surprising the baseball world with a strong 2005 season. Other than Jose Vidro and Alfonso Soriano, this team has the same problem it did

last season – not enough firepower. The pitching has fallen off a bit from last year, which is why the team's record is worse than at this point in 2005. The Nationals have already used eight different starting pitchers in 46 games.

Outlook: This team needs a spark, and they need one quickly before they lose touch with the teams ahead of them in the standings.

### Florida Marlins

Currently: The season so far has been a disaster. There's no other way to put it. The Marlins have the worst record in the NL, and that's no accident. They are getting good seasons from Hanley Ramirez, Miguel Cabrera and Josh Willingham, but that's about it on the offensive side. Their pitching has been abysmal, and even the great Dontrelle Willis is struggling with an ERA over 5.0.

Outlook: The Marlins will not be catching the Mets and Phillies this season, so it's best to take their lumps and continue to develop their young players.

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## **Which Division Will Provide The Best Football Tickets In 2006?**

**By Jay Nault**

Even though we are entrenched in the NFL's "Age of Parity," fans around the league still want to know what they're getting when they buy their football tickets. As we look at the divisional breakdown, it becomes apparent that certain divisions are deeper than others. That's why we're going to break them down individually by way of "Divisional Power Rankings." These rankings could change throughout the season, but now is a good time to take our first look.

### 1. NFC East

The NFC East, top-to-bottom, is the toughest division in football right now. Any one of the four teams could realistically qualify for the playoffs, and the final standings could shake out in just about any way and no one would be really surprised.

### 2. NFC South

The NFC South contains a Super Bowl contender in the Panthers, two solid playoff-level teams in the Buccaneers and Falcons, and perhaps the most improved team in the league, the Saints. This division will be brutal, and the winner will definitely be battle-tested.

### 3. AFC West

The AFC West is almost as difficult, as the Broncos have Super Bowl aspirations, the Chiefs are expected to at least make the playoffs, the Chargers are talented and the Raiders could be scary if they ever put all their talent together. The rivalries in this division also make every game a battle.

### 4. AFC North

The AFC North contains the defending champions, and they didn't even win the division last year. The Bengals did, but they have question marks surrounding QB Carson Palmer and off-field distractions. Baltimore is much-improved and the Browns are getting better.

### 5. AFC East

The East has the rivalries, but only two good teams in the Patriots and Dolphins. The Jets and Bills, whether they admit it or not, are rebuilding. Regardless, fans of every team are extremely loyal, so football tickets sales will be high for any of these divisional battles.

### 6. AFC South

The South contains one potential juggernaut in the Colts, one fringe playoff team in Jacksonville, and two teams in the Texans and Titans that are in full rebuild mode. The Colts-Jaguars games will be entertaining, but the Texans and Titans are definitely a notch below as of now.

## 7. NFC North

The NFC North has one established playoff team in the Bears, one likely playoff team in the Vikings, one team that could be a surprise in the Packers and the Lions, who seem to constantly be rebuilding. The best thing going for this division is the level of intensity present every time any of these two teams meet.

## 8. NFC West

Yes, the Seahawks got all the way to the Super Bowl last season, but after that there isn't much. The Rams could make a push this year, but they're still a year or two away. The Cardinals could surprise as well, but they've been perennial disappointments, and the 49ers need time to restock their roster with talent, so they're not going anywhere anytime soon. There are intense rivalries in the division, however, and football tickets are always hard to find for a Seahawks – Rams game.

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