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Last Week of the MLB Regular Season

September 22, 2023— As the regular season enters its final week, MLB teams look towards the postseason or the offseason. The postseason this season has been an extremely close race with only six teams clinching a spot so far and only three divisions have been clinched. The closest race this season has been the AL West. The Houston Astros, Seattle Mariners, and Texas Rangers have each held the top spot in the AL West at different points this season. The wild card races for both the NL and AL are neck and neck with each league having more teams than spots fighting for three spots. With so many teams left fighting over the remaining wild card spots, the remaining spots can be determined by the tiebreakers. With the new tiebreaker rules going in place at the start of the 2022 season, they are determined by a team's head-to-head record versus their divisional rivals.

Clinched Playoff Birth (Magic Number to Clinch Division)

AL Postseason - BAL Orioles (8) and TB Rays

AL Central - MIN Twins

NL East - ATL Braves

NL West - LAD Dodgers

NL Postseason - MIL Brewers

Still to Clinch (Magic Number to Clinch Division and +/- games ahead/behind)

AL West - TEX Rangers (9) — HOU Astros (-0.5), SEA Mariners (-1.0)

NL Wild Card - PHI Phillies (+5.0), ARI Diamondbacks (+2.0), CHI Cubs (+1.0) —

MIA Marlins (1.0) and CIN Reds (-1.5)

AL Wild Card - TOR Blue Jays (+1.0),

HOU Astros — SEA Mariners (-0.5)

MLB 2023 Playoff Picture

