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The Colorado Rockies played to a full house at the opening of Coors Field, their new home ballpark in Denver. Photo courtesy: Nate Cox/Rich Clarkson and Associates.