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**(Colo.)-Walt Weiss Hired As Colorado Rockies Manager**

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INDIAN WELLS, California (AP) - Walt Weiss has been hired to replace Jim Tracy as manager of the Colorado Rockies.

The team made the announcement late Wednesday night after owner Dick Monfort and top officials deliberated at the general managers' meetings - held at a hotel Monfort owns.

Weiss, the 1988 AL Rookie of the Year, and Arizona coach Matt Williams were thought to be the favorites to replace Tracy, who quit Oct. 7 following a last-place finish in the NL West. Rockies bench coach Tom Runnels and first baseman Jason Giambi also interviewed.