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Dave Liudahl, a 1992 Colby High School graduate, who now lives in Hays was among the 100 plus people participating in last weekend's annual Buffalo Chip Tournament at Colby Country Club. **ABOVE:** Liudahl smacked a line drive onto the fairway with a baseball bat, which was a new addition to this year's event. Although it was the longest drive, he did end up taking first place for the longest drive using a regular golf club. Liudahl partnered up with his father-in-law, Dennis Pfeifer.

## 35th Buffalo Chip draws large field

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Colby Country Club's 35th annual Buffalo Chip golf tournament concluded Saturday, and Buffalo Chip committee chairman Rob Stithem was pleased with this year's turnout.

"We had over a hundred golfers," he said. "Everybody had a great time and I would call it a success."

Fifty-two teams finished the tournament in four flights. Daryl and George Strecker won the championship flight with a score of 129 for the two-day tourney. Brad Bartlett and Rich Meyer shot a 130 to take second, and Scott Wieland and Lynn Curtin were third with a 136.

In the first flight, Ward and Ryan Dumler carded a 140 for first; Darwin Strutt and John Conway were second with a 143; and David Kern and Don Newell had a 145 for third.

In the second flight, it was Stan and Steve Orth with a 150 for first, Dennis Hayes and Stan Hall were second with a 150, and John White and Will Ritter's 151 took third.

In the third flight, Alex Rosales and Mike Puckett had a 153 for first; Alan Taylor and Neil Carr were second with a 154; and Doug and Brent Hills were third with a 154.

As with most tournaments, there were prizes offered at several holes. For longest drive, on hole 1, Dave

Luidahl won Friday, and Len Melvin won Saturday. Closest to the pin on #2 winners were Rod Iverson and Tom Ryan.

Hole #3 was longest drive age 50 and up, and was won by David Olson and Dennis Hays. Closest to the pin in two shots on hole #4 was won by George Strecker and Lynn Curtin. Longest putt on #5 was won by George Strecker and Jerry Foss, and closest to the pin off of the tee on hole #8 was won by Ward Dumler on Friday and Ryan Dumler on Saturday.

"The Buffalo Chip committee would like to thank all of the sponsors who helped put on this year's tournament," Stithem said.

## Rockies acquire Sandy Alomar Jr.

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — The Chicago White Sox traded catcher Sandy Alomar Jr. to the Colorado Rockies on Monday for a minor-league pitcher.

The deal was announced after the teams played in the annual Hall of Fame exhibition game.

Alomar, 36, who was batting .287 with seven homers and 25 RBIs in 51 games for Chicago, was traded for right-hander Enemencio Pacheco.

Alomar, who was informed of the trade Monday morning while working out at a local gym, was unavailable for comment.

It will be the fourth major league team for Alomar, the MVP of the 1997 All-Star game.

The 12-year veteran starred for the Cleveland Indians before signing with the White Sox on Dec. 18, 2000.

Pacheco was signed by Colorado as a non-drafted free agent on Jan. 15, 1997.

## Royals nearly unbeatable at home

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — There must be two different Kansas City Royals teams.

There's the one that's nearly unbeatable at home. And there's the other that's just awful on the road — 14-39, the worst record in the American League.

On Monday night, the Royals beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-1 behind the five-hit pitching of Paul Byrd. At Kauffman Stadium, they have won 11 of 12 and 16 of their last 20.

That's a big change from last week's road trip to Chicago and Detroit. The Royals lost all six games, hitting .188 and outscored 41-8.

Against Toronto, Carlos Beltran drove in three runs with a two-run homer in the eighth and a sacrifice fly in the fourth as the Blue Jays lost their fourth straight.

"I can't explain how bad we've been playing on the road," Beltran said. "I can't explain how good we're playing here. Everything comes together here — the hitting, the pitching and defense. On the road, everything falls apart."

Everything seems to come together when Byrd (14-7) takes the mound. He has 14 of the Royals' 44 victories and

is tied for second in wins in the AL. He tops the league with five complete games, including his last four starts.

"I knew he was going to win the game," Beltran said.

Byrd did not issue a walk for the 10th time in his 22 starts and has walked only 25 in 152 1-3 innings. He ranks third in the league in innings pitched and second in walks per nine innings, 1.5.

Byrd, however, could be dealt to a contender in need of a quality starter before Wednesday's trading deadline.

"As the deadline nears with the way I'm pitching, you can get a better player," Byrd said.

Trading Byrd would not be popular in Kansas City, where the pitcher has his own "Byrd's Nest" cheering section. With two months left, he's already

won more games than any Royals pitcher since Tim Lincecum's 15 victories in 1996. He is on pace to become the team's first 20-game winner since Bret Saberhagen won 23 in 1989.

"There's no question he's having a great year," Blue Jays starter Chris Carpenter said. "He can pitch. He's making quality pitches. You've got to give him credit for what he did."

Carpenter (4-2) went the distance and lost for the first time since April 29. He allowed seven hits and only two of the four runs against him were earned.

Two errors and a passed ball helped the Royals score the two unearned runs.

"Things happen in games that you can't control," Carpenter said. "I felt like this was the best stuff I've had all year."

## Almost every charge against Iverson dropped

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — NBA All-Star Allen Iverson was cleared of all but a misdemeanor at a hearing into charges he stormed into his cousin's apartment with a gun and threatened two men while looking for his wife.

Two counts of making terroristic threats were left standing after the six-hour preliminary hearing to determine whether prosecutors had enough evidence to try Iverson.

The ruling followed testimony from Iverson's two accusers and his cousin Shaun Bowman.

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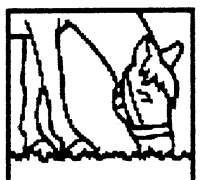
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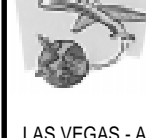
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