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00:00:00,200 --> 00:00:05,105
On August 21st 2017, in the
small city of Keizer, Oregon

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00:00:05,105 --> 00:00:08,208
America's national pastime
experienced a game interruption

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00:00:08,208 --> 00:00:11,678
of literally cosmic proportions.
"That was the craziest thing

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00:00:11,678 --> 00:00:13,780
I've ever seen." " That was
amazing, That was absolutely

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00:00:13,780 --> 00:00:17,050
amazing. I'm at a loss for
words."

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00:00:17,050 --> 00:00:20,220
On this day, the Moon
blocked out the Sun, creating

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00:00:20,220 --> 00:00:24,524
the first total solar eclipse to
cross the entire US in nearly a

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00:00:24,524 --> 00:00:26,927
century. This was also the first
"Eclipse Delay" professional

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00:00:26,927 --> 00:00:29,563
baseball has ever seen.

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00:00:29,563 --> 00:00:32,766
[Announcer: "And it looks like
we're going to go into the
delay.

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00:00:32,766 --> 00:00:37,037

Get ready folks."] "Solar
Eclipse delay at Volcanoes
Stadium!"

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00:00:37,037 --> 00:00:41,608

[crowd cheering]

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00:00:41,608 --> 00:00:43,744

None of these events
happened by chance however.

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00:00:43,744 --> 00:00:46,947

While the forces of the universe
were already set to

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00:00:46,947 --> 00:00:51,151

provide the main attraction,
this unique viewing experience

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00:00:51,151 --> 00:00:53,553

was the product of great
teamwork by the Salem-Keizer

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00:00:53,553 --> 00:00:56,023

Volcanoes Minor League Baseball
team and NASA's Lunar

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00:00:56,023 --> 00:00:59,593

Reconnaissance Orbiter mission.
Over the course of a four-day

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00:00:59,593 --> 00:01:03,830

home series, representatives
from NASA Goddard and LRO set up

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00:01:03,830 --> 00:01:07,501

shop in Volcanoes Stadium. There
were on-the-field science

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00:01:07,501 --> 00:01:11,338
presentations, NASA videos
playing on the jumbotron, and a

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00:01:11,338 --> 00:01:13,674
variety of learning
opportunities taking place in

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00:01:13,674 --> 00:01:16,777
booths on the concourse,
creating one of the most unique

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00:01:16,777 --> 00:01:21,515
science-sporting events in the
country. Noah Petro, the Deputy

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00:01:21,515 --> 00:01:24,985
Project Scientist for LRO, even
got to fulfill a childhood dream

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00:01:24,985 --> 00:01:29,389
by throwing out the ceremonial
pitch. If you were a fan of

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00:01:29,389 --> 00:01:33,160
baseball, lunar science, or just
eager to have a clear view of a

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00:01:33,160 --> 00:01:37,831
total solar eclipse, this was the
place to be. "What are you

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00:01:37,831 --> 00:01:39,900
looking forward to today? Is
there something you're really

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00:01:39,900 --> 00:01:42,669
excited about seeing?" "I
definitely want to see

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00:01:42,669 --> 00:01:45,739

the corona and I'm looking forward to totality."

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00:01:45,739 --> 00:01:49,676

"What made you decide to come to the Volcanoes stadium today

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00:01:49,676 --> 00:01:51,845

for the eclipse?" "Well I really want to see the eclipse

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00:01:51,845 --> 00:01:54,548

and I also love baseball, so it's kinda a two-in-one."

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00:01:54,548 --> 00:01:57,751

And on August 21st, after the top of the first inning,

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00:01:57,751 --> 00:02:01,488

the moon and the sun did not disappoint.

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00:02:01,488 --> 00:02:03,490

[Announcer: "Take off your glasses!"]

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00:02:03,490 --> 00:02:26,213

[cheers and screams]

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00:02:26,213 --> 00:02:30,751

After totality had passed over the park, Noah tossed a ball all

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00:02:30,751 --> 00:02:33,053

the way across the country to a similar event

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00:02:33,053 --> 00:02:36,256
being held at the Charleston
Riverdogs stadium – creating

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00:02:36,256 --> 00:02:38,792
what could be described as a
“transcontinental eclipse

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00:02:38,792 --> 00:02:42,462
double-header.” [Jumbotron:
"Great throw Noah!"]

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00:02:42,462 --> 00:02:45,599
And while eclipse onlookers got
great views of this rare event

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00:02:45,599 --> 00:02:47,968
from the ground, the LRO
spacecraft

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00:02:47,968 --> 00:02:51,571
took a picture from space that
day – showcasing an incredible

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00:02:51,571 --> 00:02:55,375
view of the Moon’s shadow on the
Earth. For both spectators and

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00:02:55,375 --> 00:02:59,046
scientists alike, this total
solar eclipse event was not just

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00:02:59,046 --> 00:03:02,149
a hit, but a grand slam homerun.

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00:03:02,149 --> 00:03:06,319
[Singing: "Take me out to the
ball game,

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00:03:06,319 --> 00:03:13,994

take me out to the crowd. Buy
me some peanuts and Cracker Jack

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00:03:13,994 --> 00:03:19,399

I don't care if I ever get back,
so it's root, root, root

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00:03:19,399 --> 00:03:25,672

for Volcanoes - if they don't
win it's a shame.