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The Eugene Emeralds were a part of my life before I even landed in Eugene. I was writing for the sports section of my college newspaper in Bozeman and my editor told me about spending his summer breaks working at Civic Stadium for the Ems. And then I noticed the jerseys in my favorite movie, Bull Durham. After settling down in Eugene and starting a family, I took my kids to the old stadium, creating memories and a sense of community within my household. I still take my kids to games and friends and their kids. My best friend and his special-needs son came to a game with me a couple years ago and we were in seats right behind Spencer Webb. We didn't know who he was until he took out a hundred dollar bill and autographed it for my friend's son. Crazy fun experiences at these games. Touches a lot of lives. Chasing foul balls as a teenager at Civic. Having coaches throw my kids free balls during pregame. Having a foul ball bounce off my chest as I attended to my young son and having him recount the story that night...