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FORMER LOPE PITCHES FIRST GAME

(Lamar, Colorado, May 23, 2005) Former Lamar Community College Runnin' Lope Brandon McCarthy made his major league debut yesterday as the White Sox played the Chicago Cubs. McCarthy, who was activated before the game when Orlando 'El Duque' Hernandez was placed on the 15-day disabled list, allowed four hits and two earned runs over 5 1/3 innings. He struck out six and walked one, throwing 49 of 78 pitches for strikes. He received a "no decision" for the game.

McCarthy played for the Lopes in the 2002 season; the same season the team finished third in the JUCO World Series. He threw a complete game shut out with 8 strike outs in a 7-0 against John A. Logan Junior College, the Lopes' second game of the series. LCC finished 59-5 on the year. McCarthy was drafted and signed by the White Sox in June of the same year.

McCarthy's 2002 final stats with the LCC Runnin Lopes were 12-0, 2.34 ERA, 86 Innings pitched, 67 Hits, 130 Strike outs, 16 BB, 29 Earned Runs. His 130 strike outs lead the NJCAA Division I Baseball individual statistics in 2002. He is the all time season strike out leader at LCC: 130, and wins: 12.

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