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Pelicans Add Former Mets Farmhand to Pitching Staff

PENSACOLA- On Saturday, the Pensacola Pelicans announced the signing of former New York Met draft pick Robert Paulk. The Mets drafted the 27-year old right-handed pitcher in the 24th round of the 2002 MLB Draft. The 5-foot-11, 170 pound Paulk, played at North Florida Junior College before being drafted by the Mets, where he reached the Triple-A level. He began this season at New Orleans, appearing in four games, with an ERA of 3.38 before heading back to Double-A Binghamton.

“This is an important move for our team as we move into the latter part of the season,” Pelicans manager Mac Seibert said. “Our bullpen has been a weakness all season long, and I think the Robert will help solve that issue.”

Last season after starting the year at Binghamton, Paulk was promoted to the Mets new Triple-A affiliate, New Orleans, in the Pacific Coast League. He appeared in two games with the Zephyrs.

After appearing in just 15 games in 2005, Paulk spent much of 2006 and 2007 at Double-A Binghamton. In 2006 with the Mets he went 5-2 with a 2.82 ERA, and in 2007 he went 2-5 with a 4.12 ERA. He appeared in 60 games in those two seasons with Binghamton. He also appeared in two games with the Mets Triple-A affiliate Norfolk at the end of 2006.

Paulk began his pro career in 2002 with Kingsport in the Appalachian League. He was quickly promoted to Brooklyn in the New York Penn League after just ten games. In 2003 at Brooklyn he led the New York Penn League in saves with 15. He spent all of 2004 with the Mets High-A affiliate St. Lucie in the Florida State League, where he appeared in 31 games, which includes ten starts. He compiled a record of 8-6, and had an ERA of 3.70.

Robert Paulk was born in Valdosta, Georgia on March 21, 1981, and currently resides in Madison, Florida. He will wear jersey number 12.

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