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Like a rite of spring, you can count on contract talk in Spring Training. Cases in point, [Ichiro Suzuki](#) and [Curt Schilling](#).

[Schilling](#) had made mention on Jan. 29th that he was not going to be retiring when [his contract](#) ends at the end of '07 and was looking for an extension with the Red Sox before the end of Spring Training. While it is not out of the question that Schilling would wind up in a Red Sox uniform in '08, the leveraging has already commenced. As [reported by the AP](#)

Curt Schilling said Thursday he would file for free agency once the season is over after being told by Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein that the team would not offer him a contract extension in spring training.

"Theo and I talked yesterday and Theo was upfront and honest," the Boston right-hander said on WEEI-AM radio. "It was a very quick meeting. It was easy."

Red Sox president Larry Lucchino said the refusal to offer a contract during spring training didn't mean they were ready to part with Schilling.

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