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Pitching at 41

Curt Schilling turns 41 next week. Last year, there were five 41-year-old starters in the majors. Here's how they did.

	W-L	ERA	IP
Tom Glavine	13-8	4.45	200.3
O. Hernandez	9-5	3.72	147.7
Greg Maddux	14-11	4.14	198.0
Tim Lincecum	17-12	4.76	189.0
Woody Williams	8-15	5.27	188.0

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A deal worth Schilling's weight in gold

Good for you, Theo. That's something that, when it comes to contracts, I haven't been able to say very often over the last year. Good for you, Curt. And very, very good for the Boston Red Sox, to have signed Schilling for the 2008 season — for what he says will be his last in baseball — for \$8 million, plus incentives based on his weight and innings pitched. As an aside, let us note here that it would be wonderful if the number of innings pitched

by Schilling next season exceeds the number of pounds at which he tips the scales, but those days are as long gone as the big guy's once-trim waistline. Getting back to the business at hand, Schilling revealed the details of his signing yesterday on his Internet blog, "38pitches.com." In addition to his guaranteed base salary of \$8 million — down from the \$13 million he was paid this year, and had been seeking for next season — Schilling said he could earn \$2 million in bonuses for six separate weigh-ins throughout the year, and as

much as another \$3 million, depending on the number of innings he pitches. It's a deal that makes sense for both sides. "Saying 'It's not about the money,' is a lie," Schilling wrote. "Both sides have a price. At some number I was not a viable option for the Red Sox, and, at another number, the Sox might have become a non-contender to us." Epstein overpaid last season for the likes of J.D. Drew (\$70 million for 5 years), Julio Lugo (\$36 million, 4 years) and, in the case of Dai-



If Curt Schilling can keep his weight down and pitch effectively next season, his re-signing will be a win-win deal for both him and the Boston Red Sox.

AP / JOSH REYNOLDS

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IN THE NEWS

LATE START TIME FOR PATS-STEELERS

The New England Patriots game against the Pittsburgh Steelers' on Dec. 9 at Foxboro will start at 4:15 p.m., rather than the previously scheduled 1 p.m. to accommodate a CBS telecast. The time change is the second for both the Pats and the Steelers under the NFL flexible scheduling plan that is in effect the final seven weeks of the season.

FOOT INJURY MAY FINISH FORSBERG

Peter Forsberg pulled out of practice with Sweden's National Team because of a foot and ankle injury, leaving his comeback plans in doubt. The 34-year-old forward left practice late Monday after just over an hour on the ice when his injury acted up again, and said it could spell the end of his career. "If I can't play at all this season, it's probably time to pack up for good," Forsberg told Swedish news agency TT. Forsberg finished last season with the Nashville Predators and is an unrestricted free agent.

PATS RELEASE RIVERS — AGAIN

The New England Patriots released tight end Marcellus Rivers yesterday, the fourth time he's been cut by the team since Aug. 8. Rivers has no catches in three games. He was inactive for Sunday's 24-20 win at Indianapolis. The five-year veteran began his career in 2001 with the New York Giants and later played with the Houston Texans. He was with the Oakland Raiders in the 2006 preseason and was on the New Orleans Saints roster for one game last season, but was inactive. Rivers has 51 career receptions for 395 yards and four touchdowns.

YANKS TOP GOAL: INK RIVERA, POSADA

The Yankees hope to get Mariano Rivera and Jorge Posada re-signed soon. "We're trying to get these wrapped up. There's plenty of time to get it done," Hank Steinbrenner, son of owner George Steinbrenner, said yesterday. Talks appear to have progressed more quickly with Rivera, who met last week in Tampa, Fla., with team officials. Posada has drawn interest from the New York Mets, who aren't certain they will be able to re-sign catcher Paul Lo Duca.

NBA

Phoenix 115, Charlotte 83
New Jersey 87, Atlanta 82
New York 119, Denver 112
Milwaukee 112, Toronto 85
Orlando 111, Minnesota 103
L.A. Clippers 97, Chicago 91
Houston 89, San Antonio 81
Seattle at Sacramento
Cleveland at Golden State
New Orleans at L.A. Lakers

NHL

Atlanta 2, Washington 1
N.Y. Islanders 3, N.Y. Rangers 2
Ottawa 5, Toronto 1

WRAPPED IN GLORY



AP / BRIAN KERSEY

Andrade is R.I.'s king of the ring

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Demetrius Andrade heard the whispers the entire time he was in Chicago.

The 19-year-old Providence welterweight listened as people said that an American wouldn't win a gold medal at the World Boxing Championships, but his confidence never wavered.

"This tournament was the biggest of my life. I am now ranked No. 1 in the world. I beat everyone they put in front of me decisively..."

DEMETRIUS ANDRADE

"I'm going to win gold," Andrade predicted before and during the championships, which were held Oct. 23-Nov. 3 at the UIC Pavilion in Chicago.

A boxer from the United States had not won a gold medal at the World Championships since 1999, but Andrade defied the odds and put on one of the best performances at the event, winning each of his fights by 11 points or more before earning a second-round TKO over Thailand's Non Boonjumnong in the gold-medal bout.

"This tournament was the biggest of my life," Andrade said. "I am now ranked No. 1 in the world. I beat everyone they put in front of me decisively, which erases the bad decision in the Pan Am Games."

Andrade, the top-ranked amateur in the country in the 152-pound weight class for the last three years, lost a controversial decision to Pedro Lima of Brazil by one point in the championship bout at the Pan Am Games over the summer.

"The gold medal really means a lot because it shows that all the hard work and sacrifices I have made have paid off," Andrade said of winning the world title.

Andrade had no doubt that he was going to beat Boonjumnong.

"I knew I was in control before the bell rang," Andrade said. "I had a few members of my family and friends there, and I could hear my dad and (trainer) David (Keefe) yelling from the stands, giving instructions. I had no concerns."

Andrade led, 10-1, after the first round before Boonjumnong suffered an elbow injury at 1:45 of the second round, resulting in the stop-

Demetrius Andrade displays the United States' colors after his win over Magomed Nurudinov of Belarus in their round-of-16 bout in the light heavyweight class at the World Boxing Championships in Chicago on Oct. 31.

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