

UPDATED: Giants Fall, Bumgarner Stands Tall Again

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Madison Bumgarner is beginning to age like a fine wine.

The left-hander, who lost his first six decisions of the year before he cracked the win column against the Los Angeles Dodgers on May 19, turned in another strong effort Wednesday night against the Florida Marlin at AT&T Park in San Francisco. Bumgarner was long gone when the Marlins, who blew a 6-2, ninth-inning lead, rallied to beat the Giants 7-6 in 12 innings.

But while he was in there, Bumgarner went six innings, he gave up three earned runs on eight hits with two walks and four strikeouts. Bumgarner was trailing 3-2 when he left the game. For the year, Bumgarner has given up 24 earned runs in 57 innings for a 3.79 earned-run-average; he's given up 20 walks with 41 strikeouts.

The Giants, who lead the National League West by 2 1/2 games, entertain Florida on Thursday before they begin a seven-game road trip Friday night in Milwaukee. Bumgarner won't pitch again Monday, Memorial Day, when the Giants take on the Cardinals in St. Louis.

Giants' catcher Buster Posey may miss the rest of the year with a fractured bone in his lower left leg. Posey, the cornerstone of San Francisco's World Series Championship, was injured following a home-plate collision with Scott Cousins of the Marlins in the 12th inning of Wednesday night's game.