

Bumgarner Handcuffs Indians

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A few days ago, Madison Bumgarner was coming off the worst outing of his career.

The youngster coughed up eight earned runs in just one-third of an inning of work. The Minnesota Twins were the culprits as they victimized Bumgarner by tying a Major-League record with eight consecutive hits. But the lefthander bounced back in a big way Sunday night, and he did it on national TV.

Bumgarner, pitching on ESPN's Sunday Night Game of the Week, won his fourth game of the year as the San Francisco Giants defeated the Cleveland Indians 3-1 at AT&T Park. Bumgarner went seven innings, giving up an earned run on six hits with 11 strikeouts.

"I'm not going to say there wasn't any doubt," Bumgarner said. "There was a little doubt. It was tough to forget about a start like that. I tried to put it behind me the best I could."

The Giants(44-34) have won five in a row, and they lead Arizona by a game-and-a-half for first place in the National League West. The Giants begin a seven-game road trip in Wrigley Field against the Cubs Tuesday. Bumgarner won't pitch again until Friday, when the Giants travel to Detroit.