

Bumgarner Finishes With A Bang

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Madison Bumgarner ended the 2011 Major League Baseball season with a bang Tuesday night.

The lefthander, who was 13-6 after he lost his first six decisions to start the year, finished up strong with a two-hit shutout. Bumgarner (13-13) went seven innings and struck out nine as the San Francisco Giants defeated the Colorado Rockies 7-0 at AT&T Park.

Tuesday night's effort made up for his last outing, which only lasted four innings. He coughed up four earned run on nine hits in a loss against the Los Angeles Dodgers. But Tuesday night, Bumgarner was in complete control. He retired 18 of the last 19 batters he face, and he didn't walk a man. Bumgarner did not give up a walk in his last two starts.

He won his final five starts at AT&T Park with a 0.54 ERA during that stretch. He finished the season with 191 strikeouts, and he achieved his goal of pitching more than 200 innings this season. Brandon Bell backed up Bumgarner's effort with three hits, a home run and two RBI. Rookie Conor Gillaspie hit his first career home run---and inside the park home run---in the seventh inning. But he stumbled and fell down on his way around the bases.