

Bumgarner Wins His Ninth, Giants Hang On

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Madison Bumgarner survived a shakey start late Saturday night as the San Francisco Giants defeated the Oakland A's 9-8 at The Coliseum in Oakland, Leading 9-4 in the bottom of the ninth, the Giants (40-32) staved off a four-run rally by the A's (34-38) in the bottom of the ninth. Bumgarner (9-4) was long gone by then, but the left hander, despite giving up two home-run balls----a two-run shot by Josh Reddick in the first and a solo shot to Jonny Gomes in the third---went six

innings and gave up four earned runs on 11 hits with a walk and six strikeouts. The win leaves San Francisco three games behind the first-place Los Angeles Dodgers (43-29) in the National League West. The Dodgers snapped a four-game slide with a 3-1 win over the Los Angeles Angels on Saturday. Saturday's effort was also Bumgarner's first win since June 12 against Houston. Bumgarner had a no-decision in his last outing against Seattle on June 17 (eight innings, an earned run allowed on three hits with a walk and four strikeouts). Bumgarner's next scheduled start will be against the Cincinnati Reds Thursday at AT&T Park.

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