

Bumgarner Shuts Down Dodgers

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Madison Bumgarner knows what it takes to pitch in a big game. He had plenty of experience during his prep days, when he led South Caldwell High School to the Class 4A state championship in 2007. He followed that up by becoming the

second youngest pitcher at the age of 20 ever to start a game for the Giants since the franchise moved west in 1958; and on October 31, 2010, Bumgarner pitched 8 shutout innings in Game 4 of the 2010 World Series, becoming the fourth youngest pitcher to start and win a World Series game. This win gave the Giants a 3–1 lead in the series, en route to the Giants winning their first World Series championship in 56 years.

Well, the left hander followed that up with a 2-1 win against the Los Angeles Dodgers Monday night at Dodgers Stadium. The win keeps San Francisco (67-55) in first place, a 1/2 game ahead of the Dodgers (67-56) in the National League West. Bumgarner went eight innings, scattered four hits with no walks and ten strikeouts. For the year, Bumgarner is 14-7 with a 2.83 earned-run-average. He has 160 strikeouts in 171.2 innings.

Monday night's game was also a record-setting contest as Bumgarner and Dodgers pitcher Clayton Kershaw had identical statisticks--eight innings, ten strikeouts and no walks. The only difference, Kershaw gave up two runs.

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