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Hickory native Madison Bumgarner continues to shine for the San Francisco Giants. Bumgarner is currently 9-4 with a 2.63 earned-run-average in 16 appearances this season.

Bumgarner is coming off a masterful performance Sunday afternoon. The left hander from South Caldwell High beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 4-1 at Chase Field. Bumgarner went eight innings, scattered two hits and he struck out seven. On the year, Bumgarner, who has 58 Major League wins, which includes a 16-win season---his best in the Majors---in 2012.

Bumgarner has given up 30 earned runs in 102.2 innings with one complete game, a shutout, with 25 walks and 111 strikeouts. Bumgarner has fanned 788 hitters in his career.

Bumgarner led South Caldwell to a Class 4A state championship his senior year in 2007. He was also named the state tournament's Most Outstanding Player as the Spartans defeated Wilmington-Ashley in the finals.

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Bumgarner was taken by the Giants with the tenth pick of the MLB Amateur Draft in 2007. He briefly considered attending the University of North Carolina to play baseball, but signed with the Giants instead.

The Giants (45-31) are currently leading the National League West. They lead the Los Angeles Dodgers by four games for first place. The Giants boast the second best record in the NL behind the Milwaukee Brewers (47-31) and the third best record in the MLB (the Oakland A's own the best record at 47-29).

The Giants lost to San Diego 6-0 Monday night. They play the Padres tonight at AT&T Park.

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