

Madison Bumgarner

PITCHER	SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS	
THROWS: LEFT	BATS: RIGHT	
HEIGHT: 6' 5"	WEIGHT: 235 LBS	HOMETOWN: HICKORY, NC

The best players play their best when the pressure is on. They come through in the clutch and do things that even their biggest fans think is impossible. The World Series has never seen such a stretch of big-game pitching like the one Madison Bumgarner performed in 2014. In nine days, he became a legend.

Bumgarner started and won Game 1 for the Giants, allowing only three hits in seven innings. He won Game 5, giving up only four hits while going all nine innings. But the Kansas City Royals forced a deciding Game 7. In the fifth inning, manager Bruce Bochy turned to his ace. Even though he had thrown a complete game just three days before, he stayed on the mound inning after

HISTORY LESSON

The best comparison to Bumgarner's 2014 World Series came way back in 1905. The New York Giants' Christy Mathewson threw three shutouts in six days over the Philadelphia Athletics.

inning. He ended up pitching the final five innings of the game and earning the longest save in World Series history! Bumgarner was the obvious choice as the 2014 World Series MVP. (That followed his MVP trophy from the 2014 NLCS, too!)

Bumgarner also pitched in the 2010 World Series. He is now the best World Series pitcher ever. He capped off a magical 2014 by being named *Sports Illustrated's* Sportsman of the Year.

Not bad for a kid who grew up on a farm in North Carolina. He still spends his off-season there. In 2006, a Giants scout saw him playing in a high school game. Bumgarner was not the winning pitcher, but he hit two home runs! San Francisco picked him in the first round of the 2007 draft. He joined the big-league rotation for good in 2010 and has at least 13 wins in each season since. He is the best big-game pitcher in baseball today.

BASEBALL CARD!

Made the Majors in . . .	2009
Wins	67
Strikeouts	896
Career ERA	3.06
Career WHIP	1.13

TRIPLE PLAY:

- ★ First player named Madison to play in Major League
- ★ Pitched eight shutout innings to win Game 4 of the 2010 World Series
- ★ Bumgarner won a career-high 18 games in 2014





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