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Hickory, North Carolina Babe Ruth League graduate Madison Bumgarner has pitched for the San Francisco Giants since 2009. Bumgarner grew up in an area nicknamed “**Bumtown**” because of the abundance of people with the surname Bumgarner who had lived there over the years after their ancestors had arrived from Germany. Madison, himself, still lives in **Bumtown** today.

Bumgarner has established himself as an excellent pitcher and as one of the greatest World Series pitchers in baseball history. He gilded his own legend during the 2014 World Series against the Royals, capping off one of the most splendid Octobers to win the **World Series MVP**. The left-hander gave up just one run in five career games in the Fall Classic. He struck out 31 batters and walked only five in 36 total innings in those games. Bumgarner was the 28th pitcher—and first for the Giants—to receive the MVP award. His 0.25 ERA in the World Series is the lowest among pitchers with at least 20 innings. In World Series history, Bumgarner became the sixth man to pitch at least five innings in three different World Series games while allowing no more than one earned run per contest.

Other career highlights include 3x World Series champion, Babe Ruth Award, NLCS MVP, 2x Silver Slugger Award, 3x All-Star, Willie Mac Award, AP Male Athlete of the Year, and *Sports Illustrated* Sportsman of the Year.

