



# ERIC MARTIN

Linebacker  
6-2 | 240 | So.-1L  
Moreno Valley, Calif. (Rancho Verde)

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## 2010 OUTLOOK

Eric Martin made his presence known as a true freshman with an immediate impact on Nebraska's special teams units. Martin played on the Huskers' punt and kickoff coverage units and brought a high level of intensity to those squads. Martin also served as a reserve linebacker as a true freshman, and he is expected to make a significant push for playing time this fall. The 6-2 Martin has added about 25 pounds of muscle since his arrival in Lincoln last summer, and he now checks in at 240 pounds.

## 2009 (FRESHMAN)

Martin played in all 14 games and was one of six true freshmen to see action. He notched 15 tackles, with 10 of those coming on special teams. Martin opened with a career-high four tackles against Florida Atlantic and finished with three unassisted tackles on kickoff coverage against Arizona. He also showed his play-making ability with a pair of blocked punts. His first blocked punt at Baylor was returned for a touchdown to open the scoring. He also had a blocked punt against Texas and was the first Husker to block two punts in a season since Lannie Hopkins blocked three in 2002.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (RANCHO VERDE HS)

Martin played linebacker on a dominant defensive unit at Rancho Verde High School. The Mustangs' defense allowed just eight points per game, including four shutouts during a perfect 10-0 regular season, before Coach Pete Duffy's squad was defeated in the first round of the CIF playoffs. Martin led the team in tackles with more than 130 and also recorded eight sacks on the season. Martin earned first-team California all-state honors for his dominant play as a senior. He was also the Inland Valley League Defensive MVP and was named to the Inland Empire all-defensive team. Martin also produced big numbers during his junior season when he totaled about 100 tackles, helping Rancho Verde to a 9-3 record, the Inland Valley League title and a trip to the state quarterfinals. Martin also played a key role as a sophomore in 2006, again helping the Mustangs to a league title and another state quarterfinal appearance.

Martin made an impression on college coaches after his sophomore season when he was voted the top underclass linebacker at the Southern California Nike Camp. Martin was listed among the top 40 players in California by Rivals.com. Martin chose Nebraska after making visits to Arizona and Arizona State.

## PERSONAL

The son of Kenneth and Alisa Johnson, Eric was born on July 21, 1991. He is a marketing major, and has spent time volunteering as part of team hospital visits and at the Malone Center.

## CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/S	(------Tackles-----)				Sacks	Fum.			QB	
		UT	AT	TT	TFL		C-R	BK	PBU	INT	Hry.
2009	14/0	8	7	15	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0

## SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

- » Tackles--4 vs. Florida Atlantic, 2009
- » Blocked Punts--1 at Baylor, vs. Texas, 2009