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SAM MARTIN

AGE: 34 (February 27, 1990) | HT: 6-1 | WT: 211

COLLEGE: Appalachian State NFL EXP: 11 Years

HOMETOWN: Fayetteville, GA ACQUIRED: Free Agent (2022)

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SAM MARTIN joined the Bills in 2022 after spending two seasons with the Denver Broncos (2020-21). Martin entered the NFL in 2013 as a fifth round pick of the Detroit Lions, where he played until 2019. Became the first Bills punter to earn AFC Special Teams Player of the month since 2006.

SHOUTOUTS

- Finished 2023 with 24 punts inside-the-20 this season, most by a Bills punter since Corey Bojorquez had club-record 34 in 2019.
- Collected his first AFC Special Teams Player of the Month December/January. During that time Martin led the AFC in percentage of punts inside the 20 (64.7%), inside the 10 (29.4%), and inside the 5 (11.8%). He also limited opponents to an average starting field position of their own 19.1 yard line, which led all AFC punters.
- Recorded 6 punts inside the 20 vs NE (12/31/23) which is a new Bills single-game record and most of his career (5 vs TEN 9/18/16). The old mark, 5, had been done 11 previous times, last by Corey Bojorquez at MIN (9/23/18).
- Averaged 52.3 yards on four punts (209 total) at LAC (12/23/23) his highest this season and downed three punts inside the 20.
- Downed three punts inside the 10 yard line vs TB (10/26/23) at the 3, 4, and 8 yard line.
- Had 1 punt of 55 yards at NE (10/22/23). His 55 yard punt gave him a 50+ yd. kick in 7th straight game the longest streak by a Bill since Corey Bojorquez had 8-game streak in 2020.
- Recorded a 70 yard punt at WAS (9/24/23) the third longest of his career.
- Averaged 47.7 yards per punt in 2022, ranking 3rd highest in club history (min. 40 punts). His net avg. was 41.3 which is the 2nd highest in a season by a Bills punter behind 44.0 by Corey Bojorquez in 2020.

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TICKETS TO BROADWAY

During the offseason, Martin gifted his parents to tickets for the hit Broadway show "The Music Man". The show was set to take place on Mother's Day, but a schedule conflict ended up preventing Martin's parents from attending. With two \$600 tickets freed up just days before the show, Martin decided to use the tickets to make someone else's Mother's Day. "So rather than resell them with it being on Mother's Day, we thought this is a perfect opportunity to help another family to go," Martin told 9News. "If not, the tickets would have gone to waste. It was more so my mom and dad's idea. Really my mom said, 'How 'bout for Mother's Day, your gift to me is to donate them.'"

Through his agency, Athlete's First, Martin connected with a single mother and daughter that he gifted the tickets to. "We got in touch with the daughter and she said it was something her mother really needed and could use right now," Martin said. "It had been a while since they've been able to do anything really, anything fun. It wound up being kind of a perfect little storm."

PERSONAL

Son of Tom and Debbie. In addition to football, played soccer in high school and earned all-state honors as a junior. Launched the Sam Martin Foundation in 2016 to help improve the lives of children with mental and physical conditions as well as animal welfare.

BUFFALO TRACKS

Martin has averaged 46.2 yards per punt over his career (41.1 net). His longest punt went 72 yards and happened in 2013.

His best season statistically occurred in 2016 when he averaged 48.6 yards per punt (44.2 net). In 2018, 32 of his 74 punts were downed in the 20. Over his career, 262 of his 701 punts were downed in the 20.