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*Two-time winner (2007 and 2008) of the Vern Smith Leadership Award, given to the MAC's top player, as voted on by league coaches. First defensive player to win the award twice. One of only two Huskies to be named first team All-MAC three times (2006, 2007, 2008). Set the NIU career records for tackles for loss (63) and quarterback sacks (31.5), forced eight fumbles and recovered four. Ranks fifth all-time in MAC history in quarterback sacks and is tied for eighth in tackles for loss. Played in 50 games and started 47 over the last five years, including every game from 2006-2008.*

**2008:** Named league's Defensive Player of the Year by the MAC News Media Association and the *Sporting News*. The nation's active career leader in sacks (31.5), sack yardage (220) and tackles for loss yards (283), ranks second in tackles for loss (63). Leads the Huskies and ranked third in the MAC with eight sacks and 16 tackles for loss as a senior. Recorded at least one tackle for loss in 10 of 13 games this year and in 20 of his last 25 games as a Huskie. Collected 2.5 sacks for 26 yards at Tennessee and had three tackles for loss, forced a fumble on the Vols' nine-yard line, and was named the MAC West Defensive Player of the Week. Broke the NIU career record for quarterback sacks with two at Kent State. Forced his eighth career fumble on the second sack, which Craig Rusch took in 60 yards for a score, and was named MAC Player of the Week for the second time this year. Tied his season-high with five tackles, 2.5 for loss and 1.5 quarterback sacks,



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versus Central Michigan; also tallied five tackles, four solo, at Ball State. Forced a fumble on an eight-yard sack versus Toledo; recovered a fumble at Minnesota and broke up a pass vs. Indiana State. Tallied two solo stops and an eight-yard sack versus Toledo. Played nearly all season with a broken hand, underwent surgery and played all year with pins in his thumb, but did not miss a play. Made four tackles, including two for loss, with a sack, versus Minnesota and added four solo stops and a tackle for loss at Western Michigan. Credited with three tackles in the Navy game. One of 30 candidates for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award, presented for excellence in Classroom, Character, Community and Competition. Named to the watch lists for the Bronko Nagurski, Rotary Lombardi and Ted Hendricks awards.

**2007:** Totaled 67 tackles, best among NIU defensive linemen. Was on the field for 98 percent (894 of 916) of the team's defensive plays during the year. Earned the MAC's Vern Smith Leadership Award (league MVP), becoming the second consecutive Huskie to do so, and was a consensus first team All-MAC choice. First defensive player to win the Smith Award since the first year of the award in 1982. Named to the Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List, the Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List and the Ted Hendricks Award Midseason Watch list. Collected the MAC West Defensive Player of the Week award and the FWAA/Bronko Nagurski Defensive Player of the Week award (9-22) after an NCAA-best five sack performance at Idaho (9-22). A consensus all-league pick and was named fourth team All-American by *Phil Steele*. Named the team's defensive MVP. Registered a team-best 17 tackles for loss, the third-highest total in NIU history, with 1.42 tackles for loss per game to rank 18th in the country. His 10.5 sacks led the MAC and ranked tied for 11th nationally as he averaged 0.88 sacks per game. Had a TFL in 10 of 12 games played. Also broke up a pair of passes. Made two solo tackles vs. Iowa (9-1). Recorded two tackles for loss, including one sack, and had seven tackles vs. Southern Illinois (9-8). Collected eight stops, with a half tackle for loss, against Eastern Michigan (9-15). Tied his own school-record with five sacks, forced a fumble that he recovered for his first career touchdown, and racked up a career-high 12 tackles to earn conference and national defensive player of the week accolades at Idaho (9-22). Sacked the Idaho quarterback on the last play of the game to preserve the Huskie victory. Tallied one sack and two tackles at Central Michigan (9-29). Totaled four stops, including one for loss, at Temple (10-6). Had 1.5 sacks in a seven-tackle performance vs. Western Michigan (10-13). Made two solo stops, one for loss, at Wisconsin (10-20). Registered 10 tackles with 2.5 TFLs and 0.5 sacks at Toledo (10-27). Collected nine stops, with one and a half tackles for loss and was in on a sack, vs. Kent State (11-10). Credited with three tackles and one sack vs. Ball State (11-27).

**2006:** First Team All-MAC selection. Started all 13 games and tied school record with 12 sacks. Ranked second in the MAC and tied for 10th nationally with 0.88 sacks per game. Tied for fifth in the MAC and 37th nationally with 1.15 tackles for loss per game, a total of 16 for the season. Had at least one sack in eight games and a tackle for loss in seven of the last eight contests. Totaled four tackles, three solo, at Ohio State (9-2). Had four stops, including one sack, vs. Buffalo (9-16). Racked up four tackles, one sack and forced a fumble against Indiana

**ENGLISH'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	G/GS	Solo	Assist	Total	TFL-Yds.	Sk.-Yds.	FF/FR	Int/PBU
2004	1/0	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0/0
2005	11/9	35	43	78	11-27	1.5-7	0/1	0/0
2006	13/13	32	19	51	16-92	11.5-77	4/1	0/0
2007	12/12	29	38	67	20-91	10.5-79	1/1	0/2
2008	13/13	26	11	37	16-73	8-57	3/1	0/1
<b>Career</b>	<b>50/47</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>63-283</b>	<b>31.5-220</b>	<b>8/4</b>	<b>0/3</b>

**CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles: 12, at Idaho, 9-22-07

TFLs: 5.5, vs. Temple, 10-21-06

Sacks: 5, at Idaho, 9-22-07





**LEADER OF THE NATION'S PACK**

**NCAA Bowl Subdivision (FBS) Active Career Leaders: Total Sacks**

PLAYER	CL.	GP	SOLO	AST.	YDS.	TOTAL	PG
1. LARRY ENGLISH, NIU	SR	50	28	7	220	31.5	0.6
2. Phillip Hunt, Houston	SR	51	28	7	215	31.5	0.6
3. Nick Reed, Oregon	SR	50	27	5	210	29.5	0.6
4. Dexter Davis, Ariz. St.	JR	38	27	1	179	27.5	0.7
5. Clint Sintim, Virginia	SR	25	4	1	178	27.0	0.6

**English was the nation's active leader in sacks (31.5), sack yardage (220) and tackles for loss (63) -- he also holds the school record for career tackles for loss.**

State (9-23). Recorded two tackles for loss, including one sack, at Miami (10-8). Made three stops, one for loss, at Western Michigan (10-14). Established school record with 4.5 sacks and 5.5 tackles for loss while forcing one fumble and recovering another in nine-tackle effort vs. Temple (10-21). Forced fumble and had one sack with three tackles at Iowa (10-28). Credited with a sack, a tackle for loss and a forced fumble with seven tackles against Toledo (11-7). Registered five tackles, two for loss with one sack, at Eastern Michigan (11-24). Credited with two stops and one sack before leaving game with knee injury vs. TCU in Poinsettia Bowl (12-19).

**2005:** Started nine of 11 games played. Totaled 78 tackles, tops among team's defensive linemen. Amassed seven tackles for loss, one sack, one fumble recovery and added nine quarterback pressures and four hurries. Had six tackles and two pressures at Michigan (9-3). Racked up 11 tackles, second highest on the team, with one for loss, at Northwestern (9-10). Recorded seven tackles, including two for loss, a sack, two pressures and a fumble recovery vs. Tennessee Tech (9-17). Led team with 11 stops, including one for loss, against Akron (9-24). Tallied eight tackles, including one for loss, and had a hurry vs. Miami (10-5). Totaled seven tackles against Ball State (10-29). Made nine stops, two for loss, at Central Michigan (11-5). Tied for team-lead with 10 hits, including one for loss, vs. Western Michigan (11-23).

**2004:** Made collegiate debut with four tackles against Maryland (9-4). Missed final 11 games with injury and was granted medical redshirt.

**High School:** Named team co-captain and MVP, first team All-SCC, preseason *Chicago Tribune* league Player to Watch, first team *Aurora Beacon-News* All-Area, first team *Daily Herald* Tri-City All-Area, and honorable mention IHSFCA All-State as a senior. Totaled 98 tackles and six sacks from inside linebacker position and rushed for 312 yards on 38 carries (8.2 avg.) as a fullback. Named team MVP, first team All-SCC, first team *Aurora Beacon-News* All-Area, and first team *Daily Herald* Tri-City All-Area as a junior. Led Tri-City area with 100 tackles, and added two interceptions and two fumble recoveries during his junior year. Earned three letters in football and basketball and one in track. Basketball standout and team captain, All-SCC, and All-Area as a junior. Threw discus in track as a freshman. Honor Roll student.

**Personal:** Born Jan. 22, 1986. General studies major who earned his degree in December 2008. Son of Larry English Sr. and Susan Postlewaite. Uncle, Charles Richardson, lettered as fullback at Wisconsin in 1972. Huskie Scholar earned a 3.0 GPA in the spring semester.

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**2008**

- Vern Smith Leadership Award Winner
- MAC Defensive Player of the Year
- MAC Defensive Player of the Year (The Sporting News)
- All Mid-American Conference - First Team
- All Mid-American Conference (PS) - First Team
- MAC West Defensive Player of the Week (Tennessee)
- MAC West Defensive Player of the Week (Kent State)
- Bronko Nagurski Award Watch List
- Ted Hendricks Award Watch List (DE)
- Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List
- Lowe's Senior CLASS Award candidate
- Team Captain

**2007**

- Vern Smith Leadership Award Winner
- All-American - Fourth Team
- All Mid-American Conference - First Team
- All Mid-American Conference (PS) - First Team
- All Mid-American Conference (rivals.com) - First Team
- Bronko Nagurski Award Watch List
- Ted Hendricks Award Midseason Watch List
- Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List
- FWAA/Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week (Idaho)
- MAC West Defensive Player of the Week (Idaho)
- Team Captain

**2006**

- Sophomore All-American (collegefootballnews.com) - Third Team
- All Mid-American Conference - First Team

*English racked up his impressive sack and TFL totals against teams like Ohio State, Michigan, Tennessee, Minnesota, Iowa and TCU in addition to the MAC.*

