



## TIME TO SHINE

### Senior Corey Brown's last chance to turn heads

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Being a five-star recruit headed to play for the Ohio State Buckeyes, one might think the road to stardom would be smooth sailing. However, fifth-year senior and defensive back Corey Brown would say otherwise. After redshirting his freshman year, Brown had to work his way up from the bottom and now is a veteran leader for one of the top football programs in the nation.

He's not complaining though. Who could be upset being a Buckeye for one more year? Especially leading a team into another potential undefeated season.

**"It has been a fantastic five years that I can't even put into words,"**

Brown said. "Going undefeated really set the tone for this upcoming year."

After his redshirt-freshman year, Brown wasted no time making his presence felt on the field. In 2010, he played in eight games followed by two full seasons heading into the 2013 fall campaign.

Brown's performance during the spring game in Cincinnati is what really caught head coach Urban Meyer's eye and set Brown apart from the rest. With one of the most impressive offseasons on the team, Meyer expects him to take leadership over the young Buckeye defense.

"I'm hoping (Brown's) our Reid Fragel," Meyer said. "He has confidence. It's time."

When asked about the overwhelming amount of newcomers to the squad, especially on the defensive side of the ball, Brown was all smiles and positivity.

"We still have to get better and have a lot of work to do, but we're coming together very well as a team," Brown said.

Attempting to live up to all the hype after a productive offseason, Brown has high expectations for himself. His goals for the season are to be as versatile as possible, whether it be safety, dime or nickel – he's ready to take it on.

The pressure is on heading into the always tough Big Ten schedule, but this is when he plans to shine. It is an exciting time for Buckeye Nation and the team is in great hands led by veterans like Corey Brown.

