



LEIGHA BROWN

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6-1 Freshman Forward Auburn, Indiana (DeKalb)

Brown's huge production as a senior followed a junior season when she put up 22.9 points, 10.8 rebounds and 2.9 assists to earn Indiana Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) Supreme 15 Underclass All-State honors.

The 6-1 forward was a second-team Class 4A all-stater after averaging 17.9 points, 8.4 rebounds and 3.3 assists per game as a sophomore in 2015-16. She added honorable-mention all-state recognition as a freshman when she captured the first of four straight first-team all-area honors. She was also ranked as the No. 21 forward nationally by ESPN.

"We are so excited for all that Leigha will bring to our program. She is a versatile guard with good size and has the ability to score at all three levels," Nebraska Coach Amy Williams said. "She understands how to work and fits the culture we are establishing at Nebraska. Each time Leigha steps on the court, she plays like she has something to prove, and we will welcome that sense of urgency into our program."

BEFORE NEBRASKA

Brown averaged 28.0 points, 11.5 rebounds, 5.0 assists, 1.7 steals and 1.4 blocks per game as a senior at DeKalb High School in 2017-18. It followed her junior season when she averaged 22.9 points, 10.8 rebounds, 2.9 assists and 1.2

Q&A WITH LEIGHA

What is your favorite TV show as a child?
Bachelor in Paradise.

What is your favorite sports movie?
Space Jam.

What is your favorite professional team?
Los Angeles Sparks.

What superpower would you wish for?
Invisibility.

What is the best thing about Nebraska?
The atmosphere and the fans.

HONORS & AWARDS

- No. 21 Forward in the Nation (ESPN, 2017)
- IBCA Supreme 15 Underclass All-State (2017)
- Indiana Class 4A All-State (2nd Team, 2016)
- Indiana Class 4A All-State (HM, 2015)
- IBCA State Player of the Week (Nov. 6, 2017)

OUTLOOK (2018-19)

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Brown closed her high school career with 1,798 points, 810 rebounds, 325 assists and 161 steals and 86 blocked shots. In the first game of her senior season, Brown notched a triple-double with 34 points, 20 rebounds and 10 assists. Her second game as a senior, she





erupted for a career-high 53 points to go along with 24 rebounds in a win over Lakeland High School on Nov. 3.

Her 53-point performance ranked second in DeKalb history, just four points shy of the school record held by MaChelle Joseph, who is Georgia Tech's current head coach, Purdue's all-time leading scorer, the 1992 Big Ten Player

of the Year and a first-team All-American.

Brown played her club basketball for Always 100 coached by Julius Smith.

PERSONAL

The daughter of Jenese Brown and Nate Brown, Leigha was born July 14, 2000 in Auburn, Ind. She has a younger sister, Jayla.

Leigha is majoring in management at Nebraska.

She chose Nebraska over Xavier, Belmont, Western Michigan, Wright State, Indiana State, Youngstown State, American and IUPUI.

"I believe it is a perfect fit for me," Brown said. "The coaching staff, fans and the opportunities that the school provides were exactly what I was looking for in a school."