

Kirksey picked by Browns

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Former Iowa linebacker Christian Kirksey was selected in the third round of the 2014 NFL Draft, as the Cleveland Browns took him with the 71st overall pick. Kirksey is the first Hawkeye linebacker to get drafted since 2010 when both Pat Angerer and A.J. Edds were both picked by the Indianapolis Colts and Miami Dolphins, respectively. He is also the second Hawkeye taken in the third round this year as former tight end C.J. Fiedorowicz went six picks earlier to Houston.

As a senior last season, Kirksey recorded 104 tackles, 2.5 sacks, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries, plus an interception. For his career, Kirksey finished with 315 tackles, 5.5 sacks, four interceptions and seven fumble recoveries.

Last season, the Browns went 4-12. Cleveland scouted three Iowa games in 2013 – at Minnesota, at Ohio State and vs. Wisconsin. Against the Golden Gophers, Kirksey had an interception and he recorded 11 tackles against the Badgers.

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