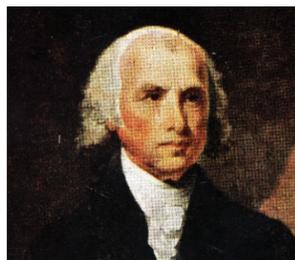


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## HOMETOWN BASKETBALL STAR

# 'AN INCREDIBLE FORCE'



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North Carolina Tar Heels center Henri Veesaar (13) drives to the basket as Duke Blue Devils forward Maliq Brown (6) defends during the first half at Cameron Indoor Stadium on Saturday.

## Culpeper native Maliq Brown is top college basketball defender in ACC

ALLISON BROPHY CHAMPION  
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Raised on the youth ballfields and courts of Culpeper, unstoppable Duke University defender Maliq Brown is the Atlantic Coast Conference Defensive Player of the Year and winner of the ACC Sixth Man of the Year Award — the first player to win both in the same season.

The Syracuse transfer in the past two years has averaged 5 points, 4.7 rebounds, 1.8 assists, and 1.9 steals per game for the Blue Devils this season, shooting 60.5% from the field, according to Sports Illustrated.

"Brown is the definition of a

Swiss-Army-Knife type of player. His box score statistics will rarely pop out at fans, but his contributions on both sides of the ball heavily contribute to winning," according to the national magazine.

"The 6'9" forward might be the most versatile and disruptive defender in all of college basketball, and he's been a premier defender in the sport ever since his time at Syracuse. With the most active hands of any player in the sport, Brown makes life so difficult for opposing offenses to run their action since he can switch on any position at any point on

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Duke Blue Devils forward Maliq Brown (6) dunks during the second half against the North Carolina Tar Heels at Cameron Indoor Stadium March 7 in Durham, N.C. The Duke Blue Devils won 76-61.

## Culpeper Co. punts on courthouse

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With a new board in place, deliberations continue on the future of the historic Culpeper Courthouse, increasingly challenged due to incredible growth in case loads as well as security shortfalls.

At its meeting March 3, the Culpeper County Board of Supervisors again delayed definitive action on a specific plan — a year after Mosley Architects presented various options for the project estimated to cost up to \$115 million. At that time, the board choose an option that would maintain the current 1870s courthouse and build onto its back, stretching over Cameron Street, a parking lot and over existing buildings.

The board agreed the courthouse should stay in town; moving outside of town would require voter approval.

The architects were back last week with an update on the options, including a 20% reduction in the earlier footprint and a plan for an inmate intake and local lockup as part of the new courthouse complex. Another parking study done of the area showed similar results as seen through the years — that existing town lots are about 50% to 60% used and that parking is available around the courthouse.

The plan includes demolishing the Cameron Street buildings the county has purchased and constructing a four-story, very large courthouse addition pushed up against West Street, according to the architects.

Supervisor Paul Bates said a parking garage is needed as part of the project, imagining older people attempting to walk up the hill to the courthouse from the parking lot on Blue Ridge Avenue or walking from the town's new Heritage Park lot behind the Depot. He encouraged continuing to work with the town on the plan, possibly adding a fifth floor to the courthouse addition to increase the footprint, Bates said, of "ideas I am kicking around." He said he has been pushing from day one to keep the courthouse in town, but is questioning that now due to space constraints. Bates doubted the courthouse project would work without an accompanying parking garage.

Supervisor Keith Farrish stated that the design would eventually exceed its capacity because the area is already crowded. He questioned spending downtown or moving off-site for growth capacity.

According to the architects, the design chosen last year looks out 20 years for growth.

Farrish remarked, "It's not practical for growth the way I see it," saying it would be "much cleaner if we started from scratch." Building new elsewhere would also allow the courthouse to resume operations without disruption, he said.

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