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Soccer player dies after getting hit by lightning

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COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) - A 17-year-old soccer player hit by lightning during an amateur game has died, police said.

The victim, whose name was not immediately released, died early Monday. Lightning hit the teenager while he was playing for Ulfborg against Maabjerg at a tournament Saturday. Nine other players were knocked over.

"There were no clouds on the sky. Only a black cloud far away," Maabjerg goalie Kasper Stoettrup told the daily Dagbladet Holstebro Struer. "Suddenly he was just hit. Out of nothing."

Paramedics revived the teenager, who had severe burns, and rushed him to a hospital with four other players. They have since been discharged.

The game was played in Ulfborg, 205 miles northwest of Copenhagen. Lightning struck 10 minutes before the final whistle and the game was canceled.

Several games in Denmark's top SAS League tournament were canceled or stopped during the weekend because of heavy rain and thunder.

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