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Seven displaced by fire at Carolina Forest condo complex

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A fire damaged multiple units at a Carolina Forest condo complex early Tuesday and left seven people seeking shelter, authorities said.

Horry County Fire Rescue was dispatched to a fire on Crab Pond Court at 4:07 a.m., according to a

statement from the agency. No one was injured in the blaze, which damaged two units.

The American Red Cross of South Carolina offered assistance to those displaced by the fire.

Crab Pond Court resident Dillbar Atabaeva, who lives next to the building that caught fire, said her daughter was walking out the door for an early shift at her job when

she saw her neighbor on the second floor "taking his kids out of the building in a panic."

"She told me he was so scared he barely knew what he was doing," Atabaeva said. "She said he was in his pajamas and his kids were in blankets."

After calling the police,

CONDO FIRE, A2



Fire officials responded to Crab Pond Court early Tuesday.

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CCU FALLS TO ECU IN BOWL GAME

McCall leaves early, and Coastal Carolina struggles against ECU in Birmingham Bowl



IMAGE COURTESY OF TIFFANY HENRY, COASTAL FOOTBALL

Coastal Carolina defensive lineman Ja'Quon Griffin (3) sacks East Carolina quarterback Holton Ahlers on Tuesday night in the first quarter of the TicketSmarter Birmingham Bowl.

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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Grayson McCall's record-breaking career at Coastal Carolina likely came to a close earlier than expected Tuesday night, and without him for most of the game, the Chanticleers were unable to keep pace with East Carolina.

The Pirates got a TicketSmarter Birmingham Bowl record-breaking performance by fifth-year senior quarterback Holton Ahlers in a 53-29 win at Protective Stadium – the Pirates' first bowl win since 2013.

McCall suffered what appeared to be a neck or head injury in the second quarter when he was flipped into the air into a somersault on a touchdown run and landed on his head.

The redshirt junior, who played despite having entered the NCAA transfer portal, was accompanied to the CCU locker room and returned to the sideline but did not return to the game. McCall did not speak to the media following the game, and CCU defensive coordinator and acting head coach Chad Staggs said he was unsure of the extent of the injury.

"He's walking around the locker room and we had a

BOWL GAME, A3

After travel headaches, last-minute withdrawals, Beach Ball Classic rolls on

Myrtle Beach's JaMarcus Carroll slams into a defender in the loss to Tampa Catholic during the opening night of the Beach Ball Classic at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center on Tuesday. The tournament continues through Friday night. Myrtle Beach lost 88-51.

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Day one of the 2022 Beach Ball Classic went according to plan.

It was a plan that wasn't quite finalized until just before Tuesday's opening tip, but some unexpected adversity didn't stop the event's "the show goes on" mentality. Due to multiple weather and travel issues, the tournament opened up without three teams originally scheduled to compete.

On the prep side, both Accelerated Prep (Colorado) and Phoenix Prep (Arizona) were unable to

make the trip due to travel issues.

In the traditional bracket, it was Durango (Nevada) facing a last-minute flight cancellation, causing them to miss the event. Their removal from the bracket led to a local call, and St. James accepted an invitation to round out the bracket.

Needless to say, the 36 hours leading up to the tournament's first whistle at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center proved to be a bit of a sprint for tournament director Chad Smith.

"Monday morning at six o'clock, I got a wakeup call and I knew it

couldn't be good," Smith said.

"Phoenix Prep said they couldn't get out of Phoenix. They said the [airport lines] were unbelievable, and that it was a five-hour wait to even get to the front desk."

Despite plenty of efforts, the team was unable to create alternative travel plans, causing the first drop-out of the tournament.

As soon as Smith heard the Phoenix Prep news, he texted the coaches at Durango, sending wishes that they were having better luck in their travels.

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