

## Piper PA-38-112, G-BNEK

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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Piper PA-38-112, G-BNEK

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1982

**Date & Time (UTC):** 26 August 1998 at 1645 hrs

**Location:** Mid-Wales Airport, Welshpool

**Type of Flight:** Private (Training)

**Persons on Board:** Crew - 1 - Passengers - None

**Injuries:** Crew - None - Passengers - N/A

**Nature of Damage:** Minor to exhaust system

**Commander's Licence:** Student Pilot

**Commander's Age:** 23 years

**Commander's Flying Experience:** 16 hours (all on type)  
Last 90 days - Not known  
Last 28 days - Not known

**Information Source:** Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student pilot was taking off on the hard Runway 04 with a variable surface wind of 5 to 10 kt. After running for about 100 metres, the aircraft veered to the left and the pilot was unable to correct the swing before the aircraft ran onto the wet grass bordering the runway. The pilot immediately abandoned the take off but was unable to stop the aircraft before it collided with a fence post on the airfield boundary.

The pilot attributed the cause to a gust of wind.