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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna F150J, G-BELT

No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental O-200-A piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1976

Date & Time (UTC): 20 June 1993 at 1000 hrs

Location: Leeds-Bradford Airport

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Nose landing gear collapsed, propeller bent and engine shock loaded

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 33 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 128 hours (of which 115 were on type)
Last 90 days - 15 hours
Last 28 days - 10 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft took off from Leeds-Bradford Airport at 1015 hrs for a local cross country flight to Ripon and return. The pilot reports that on his return he was cleared for an approach and landing on Runway 32. Although the approach was a little low he experienced no problems until quite near the ground when the aircraft started to drift to the right. He was unable to correct this drift and decided to restore engine power and go around. This was not successful and the aircraft touched down and swung further to the right before coming to rest in a grassed hollow approximately 200 metres north of the runway. The Airport Fire Service was in attendance within 2 minutes and reported that the two occupants had vacated the aircraft without injury.

The weather at the time was fine with a surface wind of 310°/15 kt.