

Cessna 182T Skylane, G-OLDX

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cessna 182T Skylane, G-OLDX	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming IO-540-AB1A5 piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2001	
Date & Time (UTC):	11 September 2002 at 1400 hrs	
Location:	Birmingham City Football Club Training Ground, Birmingham	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew (Minor)	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to nose leg, fuselage and propeller	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilots Licence	
Commander's Age:	66 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	1,630 hours (of which 70 were on type) Last 90 days - 34 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot was attempting to land diagonally across a grass football training ground in a roughly westerly direction. The field was about 600 feet above mean sea level and was surrounded on its north and west sides by an earth bank about 20 feet high.

In his report the pilot states that he landed about 5 kt fast, just beyond his aiming point. He had selected the landing direction based on forecast winds for nearby Birmingham Airport, but there was no windsock at the field and, in retrospect, he considered that a tailwind existed rather than the expected headwind. After touchdown the pilot thought about carrying out a go-around but decided that sufficient distance was available to complete the landing successfully. However the grass was damp and, as he applied the brakes, the aircraft skidded and he was unable to prevent the aircraft from striking the earth bank at the western end of the field at a speed of about 10-15 kt. After

turning off the fuel and electrics the pilot, who suffered minor injuries, vacated the aircraft through the normal exit.