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**Aircraft Type and Registration:** Piper PA-28-140, G-AYIG

**No & Type of Engines:** 1 Lycoming O-320-E2A piston engine

**Year of Manufacture:** 1970

**Date and Time (UTC):** 14 June 1990 at 1403 hrs

**Location:** Liverpool Airport, Merseyside

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

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

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

**Nature of Damage:** Nose landing gear collapsed - substantial airframe damage

**Commander's Licence:** Student Pilot

**Commander's Age:** 40 years

**Commander's Total Flying Experience:** 59 hours (of which 55 were on type)

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

After a cross-country flight from Caernarfon the aircraft was positioned for a landing on runway 27 at Liverpool Airport. The pilot reports that he checked his speed during the landing flare as 70 knots when the main landing gear touched down. However when the nose landing gear contacted the runway the aircraft immediately veered violently to the left which he was unable to correct, and the aircraft came to a stop on the grass off the left side of the runway with a collapsed nose landing gear.

The weather at the time was fine with a surface wind of 300/08 knots.