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Aircraft type and registration: Cessna FRA 150M G-BDNR (light single engine fixed wing aircraft)

Year of manufacture: 1976

Date and time (GMT): 26 February 1984 at 1338 hrs

Location: Liverpool Airport

Type of flight: Training

Persons on board: Crew – 1 Passengers – Nil

Injuries: Crew – Nil Passengers – N/A

Nature of damage: Damage to nosewheel leg, propeller, engine firewall and cowlings

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 56 years

Commander's total flying experience: 64 hours (of which 40 hours were on type)

The student pilot was on a solo circuit training detail having just completed 5 circuits with an instructor. On his second circuit he made a normal powered approach with 30° flap. As the aircraft approached the runway threshold the pilot was momentarily distracted by the illumination of the high voltage warning light. As a consequence he misjudged the flare and the aircraft struck the runway heavily, causing the nosegear to collapse.