

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Cessna 152, G-BSZI	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-235-N2C piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1984	
Date & Time (UTC):	26 August 2010 at 1730 hrs	
Location:	City of Derry Airport, Londonderry, Northern Ireland	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to nose landing gear leg, propeller and engine	
Commander's Licence:	Student	
Commander's Age:	43 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	37 hours (of which 23 were on type) Last 90 days - 7 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The aircraft was returning to Londonderry after a solo cross-country exercise. On final approach to Runway 08, the student pilot reported that he flared too high, the aircraft touched down and bounced back into the air. On the second touchdown, the nose landing gear partially collapsed, the aircraft veered to the right and ran off the side of the runway onto the grass. The pilot vacated the aircraft normally with only minor cuts and bruises.

The student's instructor was in the flying club at the time and did not witness the accident. Although the pilot believed that the nosewheel collapsed due to it "digging in" on the grass, debris on the paved surface, and damage to the propeller, indicated that nose gear collapse had occurred on the second touchdown.