

Piper PA-38-112, G-BNYK, 13 June 1997

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Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-38-112, G-BNYK
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine
Year of Manufacture:	1982
Date & Time (UTC):	13 June 1996 at 1815 hrs
Location:	Mid-Wales Airport, Welshpool, Wales
Type of Flight:	Private (Training)
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1 - Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None - Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Extensive to wings
Commander's Licence:	Student pilot
Commander's Age:	27 years
Commander's Flying Experience:	12 hours (all on type) Last 90 days - Unknown Last 28 days - Unknown
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

This accident was not reported to the AAIB or the CAA for 16 months and the pilot's recollection of events was diminished by the time lapse. He remembers carrying out solo circuit training using tarmac Runway 04 in reasonably good weather. As he was about to touchdown slightly left of the centre line, the aircraft yawed to the right due to the crosswind. He attempted to correct the yaw by applying left rudder but he over-corrected and the aircraft touched down on grass to the left side of the runway. Thereafter he attempted to keep the aircraft running parallel to the tarmac but the nose wheel dug in and the aircraft yawed through 180° to the left, penetrating the boundary fence in the process. The airfield emergency vehicle attended the scene but the pilot was unhurt and able to leave the aircraft unaided.

Shortly after the accident the pilot completed a report for the Operator's staff but no copy was forwarded by the Operator to either the AAIB or the CAA. The insurance company reported that the aircraft suffered severe damage to the wings.