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Aircraft Type and Registration: Reims Cessna FA152, G-BFMK

No & Type of Engines: 1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1978

Date and Time (UTC): 23 August 1989 at 1245 hrs

Location: RAF Halton, Buckinghamshire

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Collapsed nose landing gear and bent propeller

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 49 years

Commander's Total Flying Experience: 154 hours (of which 67 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft landed into wind on the grass runway 27 which is 762 metres long. Since the final approach speed was slightly high, touch down occurred well into the runway but sufficient distance remained for a normal ground roll. The western portion of the runway is fairly uneven and the aircraft encountered at least two bumps whilst moving at about 25 to 30 kt. It began to pitch progressively and on final ground contact the nose landing gear collapsed allowing the propeller to strike the ground. The pilot reports that action is in hand to improve the runway surface.