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Aircraft Type and Registration: Reims Cessna F152, G-BHNA

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

Year of Manufacture: 1980

Date & Time (UTC): 17 June 1995 at 1625 hrs

Location: Netherthorpe Airfield, Yorkshire

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 damage to the wings, fuselage, empennage and propeller

Commander's Licence: Student pilot

Commander's Age: 28 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 16 hours (all on type)
Last 90 days - 5 hours
Last 28 days - 3 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The student pilot had successfully completed a single circuit first solo and had been permitted to carry out a second circuit. The pilot reports that, during this second circuit, he 'cut the corner' when turning onto the final approach and was high and fast as the aircraft crossed the runway threshold. He consequently initiated the flare midway along the runway, but the aircraft ballooned. However, seeing the lack of runway remaining, he forced the aircraft onto the ground, nosewheel first, collapsing the nose landing gear and flipping the aircraft over onto its back.

There was no fire and the pilot's lap and diagonal safety harness withstood the impact. The Police and the Airfield Fire Service attended the accident.