ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration: Quik GT450 Quik, G-CFKJ

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rotax 912 ULS piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 2008 (Serial no: 8405)

Date & Time (UTC): 31 August 2016 at 1000 hrs

Location: Caernarfon Airport, Gwynedd

Type of Flight: Training

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Nose landing gear

Commander's Licence: Student

Commander's Age: 71 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 28 hours (of which 18 were on type)

Last 90 days - 15 hours Last 28 days - 5 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the

pilot

The student pilot stated that he was practising solo visual circuits using Runway 25 at Caernarfon Airport. Having flown one go-around on the previous circuit, and not being lined up with the runway, he became pre-occupied with positioning the aircraft and flared late for landing. The aircraft touched down firmly and bounced before landing on its nosewheel, causing it to collapse. As a result of the damage the foot throttle jammed open at full power. The pilot was unable to free the throttle and the aircraft continued to travel about 20 m before coming to rest on grass at the side of the runway.

The pilot believed the accident was caused by a combination of his inexperience, a late flare, and that after the bounce the correct response would have been to arrest the aircraft's subsequent rate of decent.

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