No: 10/89

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Category: 1c

Aircraft Type

and Registration:

Reims Cessna FA152, G-BHEN

No & Type of Engines:

1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine

Year of Manufacture:

1980

Date and Time (UTC):

16 July 1989 at 1040 hrs

Location:

Leicester Airport

Type of Flight:

Training

Persons on Board:

Crew - 1

Passengers - None

Injuries:

Crew - None

Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage:

Substantial to nose gear and propeller

Commander's Licence:

Student Pilot

Commander's Age:

46 years

Commander's Total

Flying Experience:

14 hours (of which all were on type)

Information Source:

Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

After two circuits with his instructor, the pilot was briefed to carry out two solo circuits on runway 34 and return to the club as the aircraft was booked for another detail. On the final circuit the aircraft bounced two or three times, the nose gear collapsed and the propeller was damaged. The pilot reports that on reflection he should have gone round after the first bounce but the need to return the aircraft to the club influenced his actions. The weather was fine with the wind 340°/10 kt. The student pilot who was wearing full harness, was uninjured.