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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna 152 Commuter, G-BMXB

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

Year of Manufacture: 1977

Date & Time (UTC): 20 July 1991 at 1745 hrs

Location: Andrewsfield (Saling) Aerodrome, Essex

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - 1 (minor) Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Nose landing gear collapsed; general damage to airframe including the fin and rudder; damage to propeller.

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 38 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 14 hours (all on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft landed on grass runway 27, in a surface wind of 290°/5 kt. The pilot reported that the approach had been slightly high and fast and the aircraft bounced. It subsequently touched down again, heading 15° to the left, and rolled into an adjacent cropped area, where it pitched over onto its back and came to a halt. The pilot was wearing a lap and diagonal type harness but, being suspended upside down, was unable to unfasten it. The airfield fire service arrived at the scene almost immediately and assisted the pilot from the aircraft.