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**Aircraft Type
and Registration:**

Tipsy Nipper Series 3

No & Type of Engines: 1 Ardem 4CO2 MK.X piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1967

Date and Time (UTC): 2 October 1988 at 1645 hrs

Location: Elstree Airfield, Hertfordshire

Type of Flight: Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - None

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage: Nose landing gear collapsed, engine shock loaded

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 42 years

**Commander's Total
Flying Experience:** 553 hours (of which 400 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was flying a practice forced landing during a competitions day at Elstree aerodrome, the aiming point being the threshold of runway 26. The pilot reports that he was slightly higher than he would have wished, and tried to force the aircraft onto the ground whilst he still had flying speed. The aircraft bounced and on its second contact with the ground the nose landing gear collapsed. The pilot, whose full upper torso restraint harness held throughout the impact, vacated the aircraft without injury.