

Aircraft type and registration: Gulfstream American AA5A, G-WULL
(light single engine fixed wing aircraft)

Year of manufacture: 1979

Date and time (GMT): 25 September 1983 at 1530 hrs

Location: Elstree Aerodrome

Type of flight: Training

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — Nil

Injuries: Crew — Nil Passengers — N/A

Nature of damage: Nosegear collapsed, propeller damaged

Commander's Licence: Student Pilot

Commander's Age: 52 years

Commander's total flying experience: 55 hours (of which all were on type)

On his first approach to land after returning from a cross-country flight, the pilot realised that the aircraft's height was too high and its speed too fast and he therefore carried out an overshoot. On the second approach the aircraft was positioned better although the pilot, because of a low hazy sun, was still concerned about his judgement of height. At the runway threshold he closed the throttle and as he held the aircraft in the flare, the stall warning sounded continuously. The aircraft landed heavily and the nose gear collapsed. The pilot turned the aircraft onto the soft ground beside the runway where it came to rest.