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**Aircraft Type
and Registration:**

Piper PA-32-301, G-BMDC

No & Type of Engines:

1 Lycoming IO-540-K1G5

Year of Manufacture:

1980

Date and Time (UTC):

13 March 1989 at 1720 hrs

Location:

Fairoaks Airfield, Chobham, Surrey

Type of Flight:

Private (pleasure)

Persons on Board:

Crew - 2

Passengers - None

Injuries:

Crew - None

Passengers - N/A

Nature of Damage:

Nosewheel collapsed; damage to propeller, engine cowlings and engine bearers; engine shock loaded.

Commander's Licence:

Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age:

49 years

**Commander's Total
Flying Experience:**

179 hours (of which 3 were on type)

Information Source:

Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The aircraft was landing on runway 24 in a surface wind of 290°/ 15 kt gusting to 25 kt. The runway was dry. After a normal touchdown the pilot applied the brakes lightly and the aircraft began to snake. He released the foot brakes and lightly applied the handbrake, at which point the aircraft swung to the right and left the runway. The nosewheel sank into soft ground beside the runway and collapsed.