



PILOT'S STATEMENT

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During the initial notification to the NTSB, the instructor pilot made the following comments concerning the accident:

He was doing takeoff and landing practice, performing stop and go landings on runway 26. They had landed and he told the student to perform a short field takeoff. He thinks the student thought he was supposed to do a soft field takeoff because during the takeoff, the nose came off the ground early like you would do for a soft field. This blocked over the nose view and the airplane drifted left. He said that the airplane left the runway at about a 20 degree angle on the left side and although the runway was dry, the ground to the side of the runway was wet and soft. After exiting the runway the airplane traveled about 30 feet and then nosed down striking the prop. He wasn't sure what happened next but the airplane turned around and wound up back on the runway facing about 150 degrees from the takeoff direction.

The duty office asked the instructor if there were any mechanical problems with the airplane and he said there were none. The damage was reported as both wingtips were damaged and the flaps and prop.

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