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Date: April 24, 2023
Subject: CEN23LA163 - Buffalo, Iowa
Contact: Jacob Bruss - Pilot-Rated Passenger

Mr. Bruss reported that the engine "sputtered" initially, "real quick", but seemed to continue to run with partial power. Engine power came back with the engine speed returning to normal at 2500 ~ 2600 rpm. At that time, the pilot decided to return to a direct course to the airport. However, shortly afterward, the engine lost power again. The propeller continued to windmill, and he thought that the engine may still have had partial power.

Mr. Bruss stated that the intended destination was the Davenport Municipal Airport. He sustained a minor cut during the accident; otherwise, he was not injured.

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