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Tarpon Springs, FL

After completing my check ride at the Atlas FBO located at Peter O Knight airport (KTPF) the winds were blowing directly down runway 22 as observed by the wind sock on the ground. The only allowable runways to depart were 4 to 36 due to the Macdill air show. 36 was the better choice of tailwind. Due to tailwind and a shorter ~~runway~~ runway a short field take-off was decided as method for departure. The runway was cleared to the N & South and 122.725 was being monitored on the radio from the point in front of the FBO to Rwy 36. No traffic had made any announcements over CTAF/unicom & no incoming or departing traffic could be seen. I announced that I was departing 36, & performed a short field take off. Shortly after lift off I just heard what sounded like a twin ^{engine} ~~upder~~ full throttle descending off the right of the airplane. I did not see the plane but heard a crash and saw a fireball towards the end of the runway in which I had just departed. My initial instinct was to not return to TPF because it would have been unsafe to land. I continued to the intended destination (KUDF) which is the home FBO of the airplane.

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Winds 220 to 200 @ 10 knots MCL TPF

Paul Gallizzi ATP CFI, CFI, MEI

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Total time 6530

Approximately 3000 hours in a 172
Cell [REDACTED]

Office [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

Tampa FL [REDACTED]

Event:

As a passenger (David Lopez the pilot) we departed on Runway 36 at TPF at approximately 11:30 AM. Due to an airshow at Mac Dill AFB, notams required departures to be made on either runway 36 or runway 04. There was a significant tail wind on both runways. We opted for runway 36 and did a "by the book" short field take off. We cleared the area and saw no traffic and heard no other transmissions. We announced our departure, took the runway, rotated at 60 and climbed out at 68 MPH. At approximately 200 feet near the north end of the runway, I heard another aircraft. Looking out side and down I saw a twin engine airplane stall and crash. [REDACTED]