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Subject: ERA24LA968 Conversation with CFI of N875SB

Contact: John Alex Arevalo Zumaeta

Mr. Zumaeta was contacted via telephone on December 26, 2023. The following is a summary of the conversation.

The flight took off from North Palm Beach County airport on a VFR flight. As they approached Pahokee, the wind was 17-25 knots coming from 310 heading. The student lined up with runway 36 and approached with full flaps. Airspeed was 80 knots on final and the approach was stable, within the landing limits. Approximately 20-30 feet before touchdown, the tail began to swing from left to right. Daniel called for a go-around and they followed the go-around procedure and Daniel gave the airplane controls back to John. John took control of the airplane and pitched to maintain speed. The airplane floated over the runway for a few seconds and the airspeed increased. He used the rudder to counter the tail swinging because of unexpected wind shear. The airplane was difficult to control and suddenly dropped to the ground and one wing impacted the runway. Both pilots exited the plane per their pre-flight discussions after attempting to secure the engine.

Question 1: Do you know what wing hit the runway first? Answer: I am not sure

Question 2: Did the airplane hit the runway or the grass first? Answer: It hit the runway

Question 3: Were you to the left of to the right of the centerline when the wing contacted? Answer: Left of the centerline

Question 4: At what point did you have the airplane controls? Answer: Ever since Daniel called for the go-around

Question 5: What are your go-around procedures? Answer: Add full power, 80-85 knots then flaps 50%, then continue the climb.

Question 6: Did the airspeed get to 80 knots? Answer: No

Question 7: Did you move the flaps at all? Answer: No

Mr. Zumaeta described a minor injury occurred to his right foot. An explanation of the NTSB 6120 form was discussed with him and to include his statement with Daniels on that form.

-End of interview