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Date: June 2, 2025 @ 1320 and June 3, 2025 @ 1048

Subject: ERA25LA213; Discussion with pilot on the circumstances of the accident.

Contact: Student Pilot: Shawn Coleman¹ @ [REDACTED]
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The NTSB IIC called and left a message for Mr. Coleman. About 15 minutes after, Coleman called the IIC back and discussed the circumstances of the accident.

The pilot was operating the Cessna 172 Flight Club aircraft. The winds were pretty hard that day, off the left front quarter of the airplane. During the takeoff roll, the winds hit the airplane hard on the left, so he input left rudder but overcompensated. The airplane turned left into the wind and departed the runway impacting runway edge lighting then the ground.

There were no mechanical anomalies with the airplane, he just overreacted to the wind and used too much rudder. This was a solo instructional flight. He was attempting a long cross-country flight. He had a VFR clearance. When asked, the pilot had about 50 hours total time, all of which was in the Cessna 172. It was a club airplane. He provided airplane specific answers on hours, equipment installed, fuel and class of medical.

On June 3, 2025, the pilot responded to a text from the IIC requesting his e-mail and original route of flight. He quickly responded with his email, route MBT-MDQ-RNC-MBT; he also provided an update to his flight hours. He totaled them up and calculated 75.8 hours to date. [END]

¹ The student pilot Coleman received this record of conversation for review on June 3, 2025 and responded via e-mail that "This all looks accurate, and I agree with the statements below."