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Student: [REDACTED]

CFI

This flight was supposed to be the student's last instructional flight before I sent him off for the stage 3 check. Per the learning pathway workbook, I have been teaching him short and soft field take off and landings. We were planning to go westbound and I was going to give him a diversion scenario at one point and continue takeoff and landing practice at 4N1. The session began normally and I met the student at the aircraft on the ramp around 1:10pm. After confirming with the student that the plane appeared fit for flight during pre-flight inspection, I continued to monitor his checklist usage while we started the aircraft. After starting the aircraft, we got the taxi clearance to taxi runway 11 via K. We did the runup as usual and we did not observe anything out of the ordinary. We decided to do a soft field takeoff while holding short, and after we got our takeoff clearance we entered the runway as the student held back pressure on the yoke to complete the maneuver. It seemed like he was forcing the plane off the ground into ground effect and I knew that it would take us longer to get in ground effect today due to the higher temperature outside. He called out airspeed alive and began pulling up on the yoke when I heard the stall horn go off. I remember immediately saying "Don't force it, don't force it" because I knew that we did not have enough airspeed to keep us in ground effect. He responded by pitching down, and then immediately pitching up aggressively causing us to balloon. By that time I was already trying to take control of the plane but the student's hands were frozen on the controls, and he had the yoke in the full aft position. I was trying to push the yoke down with my right hand, take control of the throttle with my left hand, and put the right rudder in because the plane was starting to turn left due to the left turning tendencies. However, I could not overpower the student and could not get him to release the controls. The plane stalled and rolled left, and we hit the ground nose-first and landed upside down.