WTF? My new to me, used Loyd unicycle tire valve broke when inflating!

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Are unicycle tires & valves typically cr@@pily made?

The tire air valve on the Loyd unicycle I just bought from a woman a couple weeks ago, just broke when i was inflating it.
I barely touched the damned thing.
Was simply pumping it with the hand pump, and the valve was barely moving at all while it was being inflated, when about 4 seconds into it the valve made a loud snapping sound. Followed by the hissing of escaping air from around the valve stem. :mad:

Kindof ticked, as I was just starting to feel a glimmer of what it might feel like to ride it today during a short practice session when i was able to pick up a little speed and for a few seconds stay on it without holding on to the fence.

But while doing this noticed how squishy the tire was so checked it again, and it was very squishy indeed though not flat. So decided to run to the store to buy the tire pump. Came back and went to inflate the tire only to be met with the darned POP of the valve stem!!!!!!

Are uni tire valve stems, or tubes (Ive not checked, but am assuming the tire on my uni has a tube rather than just a tire) typically so fragile? Was really looking forward to practicing rather than having that occur.

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