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I have no experience with Loomis Rods to compare a Launch to, but I can tell you that I absolutely love the Launch line. Price point aside, it casts wonderfully, at least for me. I have a 9ft 5wt and it's been a great purchase. Great for larger streams. I also have a 9ft 4wt that I use for nymphing. Just picked that up this year. The 5wt is 2 pieces, the 4 is 4 pieces. This makes no difference in casting. The 5 weight can punch through wind too. Get to a shop and cast them both if you can.

I have had 2 fly shops here in PA tell me that the Launch and the FLi are not much different and both steered me in the direction of the Launch. Also, a friend of mine who lives out of state had his local fly shop guide him in the same direction. Performance is roughly the same on these rods so we're both told.