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Re: Third time out...more questions.

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mgh,

It sounds like the Royal Wulff fly you tied on was too big or wind-resistant for the tippet on your leader. The larger and/or more wind resistant the fly, the heavier the tippet is needed to cast the fly.

A general formula for tippet / fly size is as follows:

FLY SIZE / 4 + 1 = TIPPET SIZE

For example:

Fly Size 12 / 4 = 3 + 1 = 4x tippet

Fly Size 16 / 4 = 4 + 1 = 5x tippet

Fly Size 20 / 4 = 5 + 1 = 6x tippet

For in between fly sizes, you can go up or down a tippet size. For wind resistant flies go down to the heavier size tippet.

Also cutting down on the length of the tippet can help. In general, the longer the tippet, the harder it is to turn over the fly. Start with a 2' tippet and add or subtract a little bit from there.

Later as you casting proficiency increases, you may want to cast to get "S" curves in your tippet and leader to get a better drift, but for now, work on laying out your leader, tippet and fly.

Good luck.