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bassist,

Much of the advice that's been given I agree with. I have no experience with the issues HA expressed as I didn't own any lamsons back then. I can tell you now that I've owned (and still own) reels from Redington, Galvan, Lamson, Ross, Pflueger, Teton, Okuma and a few other less well known manufacturers. I currently own 2 of the velocity HA in 3.5 and 4 and the guru in 2. I have nothing but good things to say about these reels.

You can get really technical with the features and functions of the various manufacturers but things to consider. Does it work? Will you have to perform maintenance? Will it stand up to some abuse? Is it backed by a warranty?

Most of higher end reels you can say yes to so the other factor comes down to cost. They're all nice but which is the best bang for your buck? Also remember we're talking about a 5wt rod (correct?) I've had to use drag on trout but it's not the same as needing drag for salmon, steelhead or other larger, more powerful fish.

Lastly I'll restate to make sure it balances your rod well. I'm noticing more and more that these super light highly machined reels don't balance my rods even when loaded with line. I've recently been putting the next reel size up on my rods and have found that the balance is much better as is my overall casting experience. YMMV but something to really consider.

Good luck and let us know what you come up with.