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Thats very disappointing to hear about your prestige plus reel. What I have noticed is that the reels are very prone to "locking up when they get dirty. Even a small amount of dirt/sand can do it. Just wash it out with clean water and let it dry.

As far as tangles, simple stuff first:

Make sure you have no tag ends sticking out around your nail knot. A dab of Loon's knot sense works well to keep it smooth.

More complicated:

Tangles or "wind knots" are most often caused by "tailing loops". Take a look at the orvis picture. Notice that the bottom line of the loop is at the level of his rod tip. The top line of the unfurling loop is actually at the height that he was at the end of his back cast. Tailing loops occur when the tip of your rod at end backcast is lower than the tip of your line at end foward cast. This causes the line to unfurl with the tip passing up over the bottom line, often causing a tangle.

Two main ways to help correct this:

Most commonly, for a beginner, this is caused by breaking your wrist backward on your backcast. A drill to correct this....wear a long sleeved shirt and tuck the butt of your fly rod between the end of your shirt sleeve and your wrist. This will prevent your wrist from breaking.

More commonly for the more advanced caster, tailing loops occur when you are making a long cast with a tight loop and put extra effort into the final forward cast, stiffen your wrist, and don't let your wrist drift forward to open the loop slightly. A good drill to correct this is to make concious effort to drift your wrist to the point of having your rod butt touch the underneath of your wrist at the end of the forward cast.