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I have the 9 ft 5wt Power Matrix. Actually, it's my wife's, but as she doesn't fish much it pretty much became my backup. Side by side, it fails miserably to my closest comparable, the Loomis' GL3. She thinks the same of it. She liked it till I took her fishing. Now, her fishing means us carrying both rods, she fishes while I untangle. By the time I untangle, she's tangled, hence we trade. She commented on how much better the GL3 casts.

I also have a fishing buddy who loves his rods, and we frequently trade on stream to get a feel for the other. I absolutely hate his superfine, but I know they have a good following. Also had a Trident in the mix for a potential purchase once, but in the lawn outside the shop it came in last place compared to a Sage and a Cortland, I ended up with the Cortland though I liked the Sage better, price played a big part. I've liked just about every Sage I've ever cast.

Thats pretty much my experience with Orvis rods, just don't seem to click for me. That said, I use their reels religiously, my waders are Orvis, etc. It's a great company and I've had good experiences with them, just don't like their rods.