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Quote:

As for the rest of what you wrote, please keep in mind what albatross wrote: "We drove to an undisclosed location on another stream where Dan put on a clinic in catching big trout on dry flies." Albatross sure seemed to be impressed.

An accomplishment, in this sense, means obtaining some sort of trophy, i.e. considering the big fish as proof of one's skill level. As I said, in that sense, I agree with you, regardless of size, a stocked fish doesn't equal a wild fish. Stockies can be a heck of a lot of fun and I admit to enjoying them, and I enjoy big fish too. But what I most enjoy and what I'm most proud of aren't always the same. I'd be more proud of wild trout than a stockie regardless of size difference.

However, a huge accomplishment isn't necessary to show that you are "accomplished." Albatross may have been very legitimately impressed with Squaretail's skills.

For instance, I'm not terrible with a spinner. But I'm sure you could teach me a few things. And I'm sure that's true whether or not you did so on a wild trout stream or in a stream totally devoid of fish, could probably do it even on land or in a swimming pool. It's not the catching I'd learn from, it's the techniques. And I might even describe the encounter on a public message board, out of politeness to you, as a "clinic."