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Now that I have your attention! I hope this makes sense:

I have come to the conclusion that a well balanced reel and rod are important. You would think and hope that when the Rod has 6wt listed on it, that you can line it up with a reel that has 6wt listed on it. However, because many Rods and Reels are made for specific models - the variation of setup may not have the proper balance (weight ratio) that is important in keeping arm fatigue (caused by the actual weight distribution) at bay. When I first started flyfishing roughly 15 years ago, I'd get about an hours worth of casting and have to quit. My arm would be so tired because of the weight - that I said to myself "why bother" on many fish outings.

Now with a better understanding of the Art of Flyfishing, I have learned to test combos before I consider purchase of them. With the rod and reel (fully loaded) there should be a balance point that is right in front of the forward hand grip. And by placing my index finger under the rod and observing which way the butt goes.

My rule of finger (thumb) is, if the tip rises rapidly or the butt drops backwards out of my hand, I need to get a different reel or different rod. When the tip slowly rises up, this says to me the balance is good or excellent. When the reel is fully loaded the tip should rise up slowly because of the weight of the line. Why: Because the reel will never be fully loaded when flyfishing.

Please share your thoughts as well on this subject.