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Was it an attractor dry deal like Brookies, hatch matching, nymphs?

Was an attractor situation. I started with a wulff, and spent most of the day with a hopper with foam body. Better flotation. My understanding is that, like PA, the more lowland streams have a lower gradient and more bug life, and thus become more a hatch matching situation. But this stream was very fast, and the fish aggressive and non-picky.

The difference being that the spots to hit were much smaller. For instance, in PA, it is often so thick that it's difficult to put a fly in a pool. But if you do, it doesn't matter where, a fish will go several feet for it. There, casting was a little easier. Still tight, but not among the tightest I have fished. However, being so fast, a fish can only see the surface in a very small window, so you had to be pinpoint accurate. Often within an inch or two.

Nymphs would have probably caught more fish. Many places that had too much white water to see surface. But would have been less fun.

Pascal uses long rods. I had a 9 footer. While it was a bit unwieldy to cast in tighter spots, I can see why. Smaller windows, more current, meant that drag was more of an issue than on PA's streams, so you had to lift that line above the currents, and sometimes guide the fly into place. For me, it meant plenty of bow and arrowing...