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Ok, I have a beginners question for you all. I recently started fly fishing and feel I have gotten pretty good with some of the casting basics and have been doing my best to improve.

Recently I have been casting some bigger streamer patterns and some more "weighted" flys to go after some small mouths at a little deeper depth.

No here's the question...as I begin my forward cast I can really feel the streamer "hang" back and can feel the tip of the rod load a lot more. So I am thinking increased weight on the pattern, so I try to time it better, more often than not it feels like someone is snapping a "rubber band" on the backcast and as I present the fly, it all comes down short and usually in a mess.

If I drop back to a dry or a smaller wet, cast looks perfect and I get the results I want.

Working with a 6wt 8'6" Hobbs Creek rod, with a 9' 5X tapered leader and this is occurring with #8's and up.

- Now is it
1. ME (The usual suspect)
 2. The Leader (too light too long)
 3. The Rod (I know its a more of a starter rod)

Hopefully I have given you enough to help in this endeavor. Just cant seem to figure it out.

Thanks