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Re: Twenty Inch Smallmouth

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My friend and I put in at Montgomery Ferry saturday. Flow was around 25,000 and dropping, water temp was 38 and clear. Went up stream and did not pick up a fish on the fly the whole day...errrr! I tried a number of patterns and they all failed, not even a pull (except for the bottom). My friend was spin fishing and of course he was catching some fine smallmouth. I finally gave in to spin fishing :( Now the smallmouth were taking plastic crayfish patterns with half orange and half green-brown bodies. None of my streamers came close to this and that was the ONLY bait that we could catch fish on!

We found fish on the eastern side of the river. The water was off-color and two degrees colder. All of the fish averaged 16-19 inches. Together we caught around 30. Nice day to be out, just wish I could have gotten just one on the fly!!! I know what I'm making this week!!

On a side note, the brown stone fly size 12 hatch was very intense and I saw two rises! Unfortunately I couldn't get a bite on my size 24 midges either :(