

Cheap but not even a little bit nasty

The Daiwa Wilderness

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I think most of us have heard by now that Kingfisher has taken over the iconic Complete Angler in Kloof. The deal went through at the beginning of November. Neil is staying on a while to hand over. Graham Neary is also working most days at the shop. I am told by both Neil and the lads at Kingfisher that the intention is to maintain the look and feel of the store though there will of course be some additions to the range.

One of these is that the Complete Angler now stocks the Daiwa range of fly rods. Now Daiwa make pretty good stuff. Indeed most of us are old enough to remember the Daiwa Osprey. A cheap rod, it is true, but one so good that those who own them tend to hang on to them. Just try and find one in the second hand market today.

Graham stuck the successor to the Daiwa Angler in my hand the other day. I am talking about the Daiwa Wilderness. It's a well-made powerful stick reminiscent of the Explorer Guide II and the Stealth Infinity- perhaps a tad faster than them if truth be told.

What isn't even remotely close is the price. The Daiwa Wilderness still sells for R745.00 which is awesome given that the rand is in free fall. It is also an amazingly good casting stick. Not in the same league as the Scott – to be sure- but pretty damn good all the same.

If you can't afford a Radian in your Christians stocking you surely can a Wilderness. Hurry while stock last!
