
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015 AT 11:00 AM

Four Brewers, S2E15 Notes

Saison Showdown, Part 2

Public link to 4B scores spreadsheet:

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- Start show (01:38)
- Round 2 of the showdown
- THE FINAL ROUND
- ELITE 8
 - 8 remaining beers, then the final 4, etc.
- Based on last round winners, Beer 2 vs. Beer 3
- Beer 2 Saison-Brett vs. Beer 3 Avec Les Bons (02:48):
 - early leader last round
 - the beer numbers are the same
 - Beer 2 and 7 were stand out beers
 - not going to look at previous scores
 - John: smelling good
 - Matt: American hops
 - more hop than yeast character
 - fruity hop
 - Jason: when it comes to American saison, it's what he's looking for
 - 90
 - Nagel: gave it the same score as before
 - Matt: 2 beers of same quality, different worlds
 - Beer 2 has American hope, 3711 or something similar
 - Jason likes Beer 3, but Beer 2 is better
 - Matt: scored 95 for 2, and 90 for 3
 - Nagel: beer 3 has more malt character, not looking for it
 - gave 3 a good score
 - 90 and 80
 - John: 90 as well
 - Beer 2 goes into next round
- Beer 5 Selah vs. Beer 7 Arctic Saison (07:09):

- Matt: Beer 2 has a citrus pine thing, beer 5 has more tropical passion fruit thing
- Nagel agrees
- Nagel: not as frothy
- Matt: Plastic thing on nose
- John: plastic or funk
 - Matt gets chlorophenol, flavor is nice, creamy
- Jason gets a chlorine flavor
- Matt: 5 gets 85
- Nagel: lemon quality
- Matt: beer 7 is on lemon tart sour tip
- Lemon drop hop talk
 - Nagel: in Stone's Delicious IPA
 - Make Jason think of Sorachi Ace
- Matt not diggin 7, leaning to 5
- Jason: 7 light on aroma, not a lot going on
- Matt: stronger flavors will serve us better as we go
- John: 7 is cleaner
- Nagel: a bit tart
- Matt: 7 gets 80
- Jason likes 7, solid, liking more than 5
- Matt liking 5 more than 7
- John: five is softer, less carb, 7 is more tart, more CO2
- Nagel: lingering bitterness
- Jason: 5 has better nose, something on back that's "torpedoing" it for him
- John: 7 finishes clean
 - Jason agrees
- Matt: 7 is very bright
 - Nagel agrees. Delicious
- John: ranking 5 and 7 in their own bracket
- John: 7 is 80, 5 is 70
- Nagel doing weird scores
- Matt: fuck you guys. whatever.
- Jason: beers 5 points apart, similar scores
- Nagel: both good beers
- John is diggin 7
- Jason: 7 making it to next round
- Recap beers from round 1
- Matt: listen to first episode
 - Anchorage Love Buzz

- Boulevard Saison-Brett
- Fantome Saison
- Logsdon Seiozen Bretta
- Dupont Avec Les
- Dupont Saison
- Crooked Stave Surette
- Boulevard Tank 7
- Grassroots Arctic Saison
- Lost Abbey Carnevale
- Ommegang Hennepin
- The Bruery Saison Rue
- Prairie Ales - Prairie Ale
- Firestone Walker Opal
- Monkish Saison - Selah
- Propolis Beltane (won GABF gold in 2014)
- Jason: half of those beers have now been eliminated
- Jason want to do a "Burnt Reynolds" halloween costume
- Beer 9 Opal vs. Beer 11 Saison Dupont (14:27):
 - Matt: 9 is the old world thing
 - Nagel: grassy
 - Sara: pointing out the hilarity of 9 vs. 11
 - Matt likes 9, aroma is lovely gray, spicy
 - Nagel: lemony
 - Jason: has a nice fruit character
 - Matt: 9 gets 95
 - Jason: gave 9 an 88
 - Fat, juicy ropes
 - Nagel: 9 is delicious
 - Jason: 11 is funkier
 - John like 9 more than 11, 11 is hard to drink
 - Matt disagrees
 - 11 (said 9, but he may have confused the numbers) gets 80
 - Jason think 11 was the liquid bread beer.
 - good, solid
 - John: 9 is 90
 - Matt ranked 9 high
 - Nagel: 9 is 85, 11 is 50
 - John 50 on 11 as well
 - Jason: 11 is 70

- sure 11 beat out the really bland beer, but isn't enough to go further in the contest
 - Nagel: 11 is like visit/fishing in a river
 - mossy, rocky
 - this is a good memory, but not good for a beer
 - 9 killed it
 - Matt: assistance provided by Sara, Bob Vreeland and Dr. Zack
 - John: Hangar 24 guy helping us
 - Jason: Dr. Zack is Dr. Whale Farmer
 - Sara describes herself as elusive
 - Matt: question to sara: we're there surprises?
 - Sara, yes
 - opening the beers has been surprises
 - some active bottles
- Beer 14 Prairie Ale vs. Beer 16 Carnevale (20:24)
 - **Nagel said Beer 13, but he misspoke. 13 did not make it for this bracket, 14 was referred to as 13 by mistake.**
 - 13 feels more American
 - Nagel: you can tell 13 from appearance, white
 - Matt: very white
 - Matt: a little smokey on the finish
 - John agrees, not bad, but weird
 - Nagel: ashtray
 - 16 has an odd smokey thing as well
 - John: where does this come from?
 - Matt: chlorophenol
 - under-pitched
 - under oxygenated
 - this is the nitty-gritty of beer
 - Nagel: saison is all about yeast
 - John: 16 compared to 13 was eww
 - Matt: 13 gets 70, 16 gets 55
 - John liked 13, not his favorite
 - Jason gave 16 higher rating
 - John: 13 gets 85
 - Nagel: 13 gets 95, loves this beer
 - Jason: ratings are the similar as last time for him
 - John: clarity is not an issue at this point
 - Talk of fining and filtering
 - John: 16 gets 74, no, it gets 70

- 13 (actually 14) wins
 - Matt: this is very fun
- The final four beers
- Beer 2 Saison-Brett vs. Beer 7 Arctic Saison (24:54)
 - Matt thinks he knows what beer 2 is
 - John playing music (the final countdown)
 - Semifinals
 - Matt: this is interesting comparison, two sides of the new school
 - 7 is tart
 - 2 is more bitter, American hopped
 - Nagel: tough call, both beers are good
 - John: 2 has a lot of carbonation
 - Matt: 7 is more sour
 - Matt: this is tough
 - John: 2 burnt his tongue with CO₂, hurts this beer
 - really prickly
 - Nagel thinks temp is affecting carb
 - Matt: 2 gets 90, 7 gets 85
 - John likes 7
 - Jason is with John, beer 2 has developed prickliness, taking away flavor
 - John: does that affect score
 - Jason: likes 7
 - Nagel: 90 on 2, 80 on 7, both great beers, could see drinking 2 more
 - John: after swirling 2, brett character is coming through
 - Jason: 87 and 90
 - Nagel: 7 has oak to it
 - John: 2 has something that he's not jiving with, maybe O₂, paper?
 - Matt: really liking 2, has saison funk and spicy. Nagel agrees
 - John likes 7 more than 2
 - Beer 2 wins
 - Zack likes this reaction
- Beer 9 Opal vs. Beer 14 Prairie Ale (30:55):
 - **Again: 13 did not make it for this bracket, 14 was referred to as 13 by mistake.**
 - Sara: pours are getting very small
 - had to buy enough beers to survive competition
 - Jason: 9 is light in color

- Nagel: 9 is getting funkier, Matt agrees
- Matt: more noble pop
- John: smell them both
- Matt: 13 has tart brett vibe
 - this is tough
- John: different qualities that are fine
 - 13 has more carb
- Matt: 9 has noble hop aroma, but not as much in flavor
- John: 13 has more carb
- John likes 9 more than 13
- Matt: 13 has a smokey thing
- Matt 9 is 85, 13 is 80, Jason and Greg gave similar scores
- Matt: 13 is funky brett influence, but has some smoke
- Jason: 13 loses due to the ash tray smoke finish is very back
- Beer 9 is the winner
- The Final Round
- Beer 2 Saison-Brett vs. Beer 9 Opal (34:10):
 - Bob Vreeland brought us a hot pink palate cleanser - Mike's Hard Pink Lemonade
 - Thanks to the Saisoners
 - Bob Vreeland
 - Sara Kidd
 - Dr. Zack
 - Nagel: who was third place?
 - **Jason said we mixed up 13 and 14. The one we've been calling 13 is 14.**
 - **John: it was actually 9 and 14 we were comparing in the last round, asked Jason to fix it now. Jason fixes it.**
 - Beer 9 had small pours
 - Jason: maybe two sips of 9 left
 - Matt: 9 is the example of new school American hopped, no brett, might be embarrassing himself
 - Matt: 9 has a creaminess he likes
 - Jason: 2 wins over 9 a bit
 - Matt getting armpit from 9
 - Matt: 2 gets 100, 9 gets 90. Both delicious
 - John: 9 was more funky? yes.
 - John likes the funk of 9. Everybody decided really quickly.
 - John is out of beer.
 - John likes the funk of 9 a lot
 - Beer 2 wins the competition.

- Took a break
- Final two beers were:
 - Zack: 9 was Opal
 - Jason: FW in the final two
 - Greg happy he brought
 - Jason: wasn't rated too high,
 - Zack: Beer 2 is Saison-Brett
 - Matt: was one of the highest rated
 - Jason: Opal wouldn't have made the tasting if based off ranking alone
 - Matt: give it up to FW
 - Matt asks Jason to replace numbers with names on the spreadsheet
 - Matt: 2 beat out 7. What was 7?
 - Zack: 7 was Arctic Saison
 - What was 14?
 - Zack: Prairie Ale
- The Elite 8:
 - Saison brett beat out which beer?
 - Zack: Avec
 - Arctic beat 5
 - Zack: 5 was Selah
 - Matt rated Selah higher than Arctic
 - Opal beat 11
 - Zack: Saison Dupont
 - John gave Selah a 70
 - Matt: pretty big that Opal beat out Saison Dupont
 - John and Greg gave Saison Dupont a 50
 - Praire beat 16
 - Zack: 16 was Carnevale
- Greg did not like Surrette
 - was really sour
 - John gave it a 50
- Saison Brett beat Hennepin
- Avec beat out Surrette
- Sleah beat out Fantome
 - Fantome was the hot mess we all hated
- Sara's socks were wet because of Logsdon
 - very active bottles
 - used all of John's towels
 - Vreeland did not get soaked

- Arctic beat Tank 7
- Opal beat Love Buzz
 - beat it barely
- Saison Rue eliminated by Dupont
- Beltane eliminated by Prairie Ale
- Logsdon was beat by Carnevale
- Jason: Beltane was lowest scoring
 - Maybe it was a different batch from the one that won at GABF
 - Might have brewed very small batch
- Matt rated Saison-Brett high
- this was awesome
- thanks to our Saisoners
- Two of the easiest beers to buy won
- Lots of Saison-Brett at La Bodega
- Tank 7 was a first round drop
 - John gave it a 75
 - averaged an 81
- we did not like the logsdon this time
- Jason loved Surrette, John and Nagel didn't like it
- Nagel likes it, but it didn't fit in
- John: was this a current Surrette? Yes

END SHOW

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