

Joe Mandot

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The Syracuse Herald 9 May 1913 Joe Mandot Tells Ripley "It wasn't my fight with Leach Cross," snapped little Joe Mandot the Southern champion. "Course Leach knocked me out, all right I'm not trying to discredit him in any way. He knocked me out as far as they knock 'em out. but it wasn't my hardest fight he continued, vehemently.

I had Cross licked a mile until I ran into that one in the last round. It was an easy fight for me up to that moment, and when I tell you that a knockout, a real knockout, doesn't hurt, why, you will understand the reason. Course a knockout does hurt. I should say so. But not physically, it's a mental pain. It hurts a fellow's feelings. His pride and his reputation, and the pride of New Orleans's famous French market shook his head sadly. Then he told us of the real "hardest battle." He told it to us convincingly and unhesitatingly. Our steno set it down word for word, and (far be it from us to work when we don't have to) so, here goes:

"After a very successful season in the winter of 1911 and 1912. When I had knocked out Young Saylor, who was then coming fast and also had beaten such boys as Matty Baldwin, Pal Moore, Billy Allen and Jack Redmond, and was just getting into big league company. I was matched with Owen Moran the clever English lightweight, for eight rounds at Memphis, Tenn., which, as you know was my headquarters. They thought in that town that I could beat any man big or little in the world.

They made me a two-to-one favorite over Moran, which of course was wrong as his record was a wonderful one, but it shows what a load they put on my shoulders when I always entered the ring, for I had to think of all the boys betting on me. Well, the night of the fight came along and we weighed in 133 pounds at 6 o'clock, and both made the weight easy.

There Moran pulled a little talk that made me think, for he said to Jimmie Johnson: Do you think I will hurt this boy much if I hit him as hard as I did Bat Nelson when I knocked him out in fourteen rounds. Of course Jimmie was right back with the answer: 'Oh, you will have to be a little careful or you might kill him If you hit him like that. It made me more determined to get the jump on him from the first round and try and outpoint him or die in the attempt When I got to the Arena a small affair, the place was packed to the doors, and there were thousands of fans who could not get near.

It was raining too, oh so hard. It looked like there roust have been a hole in the skies. After about fifteen minutes of hard work I got to my dressing room but the rain was even coming in there which made me feel a little out at sorts.

"We entered the ring about 9:45 and I never had seen such a crowd in my life. But the cocky little Englishman never left the center of the ring, just stood there and waited for both the gong and me.

Well, they both soon came to him and the first round was a hummer. I felt him out and could see he was trying to do to me what he had done to Nelson, but I managed to beat him to what punches he started. I felt better after that and in the second round came the fireworks.

I had been fighting for about a minute, and had begun to take the aggressive, when all of a sudden I thought someone had thrown a brick. The first thing I knew the referee was counting. I heard him say five, I could hear him quite plain, but somehow I could not think. Yet I could hear the rain hitting on the roof as plain as can be. A million things passed through my mind then, for I can see it all now, and all of a sudden I done something that old timers who were at the ringside say they have never seen a boy do before. Even Moran was stunned to see me do what I did.

I took my right hand, and while lying on the floor, punched myself in the jaw about five times, for I had somewhat of a hairy idea that if I could shake my head I might possibly come to. It worked wonders with me and when the referee got to eight I was on one knee and then I took one good punch at myself, and as it were knocked myself back on my feet. So when the referee said nine I was standing up and could see Moran in front of me swinging his arms.

I think I did a wise thing here for I did not attempt to block with one arm, but just swung my two arms from left to right as fast as I could. With the hope that I would catch his punches on them. Moran got so anxious to put me away that he was wild, and by the time the round was over my head was fairly clear. I went to my corner and rubbed my head with both hands and when I came out I felt as fresh as ever.

Then Moran tried his punch again — a terrific right hook — but it did not do any damage, and beginning with the fourth round I stepped right after Owen myself and not only blocked his hooks but crossed him with my right repeatedly, and on many occasions rocked him, but not enough to drop him. After that I was getting better all the time and I carried him at such a fast clip in the last two rounds that I more than evened up the knockdown and the referee gave me the decision.

But let me tell you, I had to fight some, and to this day I have often wondered what made me punch myself while on the floor taking the count .I found Moran one of the nicest little fellows I ever met and after the fight he came to my dressing room, and stretching out his hand, he said, "Kid, you're the gamest fighter I ever met, and if you don't become champion of the world some day you will come mighty close," and I hope his words come true.

I have had many fights and have fought Ad Wolgast and beat him here In New Orleans, have beaten Joe Rivers, and

met Willie Ritchie, and stopped the majority of the best lightweights, but never do I ever expect to have as hard or sensational a fight as I had with Owen Moran. End Story of Rounds

The Ad Wolgast-Joe Mandot Bout

November 4, 1912 ROUND 1 The gong sounded at 9:45. The men were cool. Mandot was the aggressor with Wolgast holding on. Wolgast drove a hard left to the body and heavy infighting followed. The champion landed heavy body blows and Mandot clinched. Honors were even. ROUND 2 Wolgast landed a left to the body and swung to the jaw. Mandot clinched. Wolgast landed a hard left to the body and missed a swing to the jaw. They clinched in the center of the ring. Wolgast landed a short left to body and two lefts to the jaw at close range. Joe landed right and left on the jaw and Wolgast clinched. Round Even. ROUND 3 Wolgast led with a left to the body. He followed with a left and Mandot countered with a right. Wolgast landed a left to the head. Heavy infighting followed. It was Mandot's round. ROUND 4 Wolgast landed an uppercut on the jaw and viciously forced to the ropes. Wolgast staggers Joe with a left and received two lefts in return. Wolgast scored with a heavy left on the head and heavy infighting followed. The round was even. ROUND 5 Wolgast forced the fighting and landed on the chin and followed with a left to the head. Mandot countered with heavy left on the head in return. Wolgast landed on Mandot's body and neck receiving heavy body blows in return. In a clinch Wolgast landed numerous body blows. Mandot landed on the chin and followed with a left to the nose. Wolgast was doing the best work in infighting Wolgast's round. ROUND 6 Wolgast led with a left to the body. Ad landed a heavy left on the neck. Mandot uppercuts. Wolgast follows Mandot all over the ring. Joe landed a heavy uppercut on the neck and a right on the body. Infighting followed. The round was even. ROUND 7 The champion landed on the body. Mandot landed a left to the jaw and Wolgast slipped to the floor. Joe landed a light left to the head. Ad followed with body punches. Mandot fought Wolgast to the ropes with hard rights and lefts to the body. Wolgast clinched. Wolgast was bleeding and had the worse of the round. ROUND 8 The men clinched. Mandot was doing well in infighting. Wolgast landed a left to the jaw and a right in the kidneys. Mandot uppercut Wolgast. The local man received a right and left to the head. They fought cautiously in the center of the ring, each showing signs of distress. Wolgast received a heavy right as the round ended with honors in favor of Mandot. ROUND 9 Wolgast swung a hard left to the body. Mandot landed a heavy left in a clinch. Joe was bleeding from the nose. Wolgast was knocked to his knees with a right. He arose and fought Mandot to the ropes. Joe was hitting clean and landing some heavy rights on the head. The Champion clinched. Mandot showing fine generalship. Wolgast was wild, but seemed strong. Both men took much punishment. It was Mandot's Round. ROUND 10 Mandot was the aggressor landing two heavy lefts to the jaw. Wolgast clinched missing a left for Mandot's body. Mandot landed two heavy rights. Wild fighting followed with the champion on the ropes. Wolgast clinched in a rally in the center of the ring. Both men were weak. Mandot received a heavy right on the head and staggered Wolgast with a right cross. Desperate fighting followed with Wolgast the aggressor. Both men were badly punished and honors were even at the close of hostilities. November 4, 1912

Chicago, Illinois Story of Rounds

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September 17, 1914 First Round—they wasted no time going into action. Mandot stabbed three lefts to head. Wolgast crouched and tried with two left swings, but missed. Wolgast landed left to jaw. Mandot put light left to face. Wolgast sent hard right to stomach. In a mix-up Wolgast landed twice to body while Mandot put right and left to jaw. There was no damage, but Mandot landed a greater number of blows. Second Round—Wolgast crouched and took things easy while Mandot opened up, jabbing two lefts to face. Mandot landed two hard lefts to jaw. Wolgast put hard right to body. Wolgast landed right to head. Mandot placed right and left to body at close quarters. Wolgast landed to head and rushed Mandot with hard right to body. Mandot landed punch to body making Wolgast wince. Mandot's round by good margin. Third Round—Wolgast crowded Mandot, but the latter stabbed him with a left and followed with an uppercut to the jaw and right to body. At close quarters Wolgast put a right to body. Mandot sent a right to ribs. Wolgast put a left to stomach and then swung a left to the jaw and a left to the stomach. There wasn't much to choose in this round. Fourth Round—Wolgast went after Mandot's body landing rights and lefts. Joe sent a right to stomach and a right to head. Wolgast seemed to do his most effective work at close quarters. In a furious mix-up Wolgast landed rights and lefts and rushed Mandot to the ropes. Both nearly fell out of the ring. The referee pulled them back in the arena. The gong found them in a clinch with honors to Mandot. Fifth Round—They dashed into a mix-up, Wolgast sending right and left to body, while Mandot put right to head. Wolgast sent a hard left to the body. Wolgast put rights and lefts to Joe's body, but Mandot came back with two rights to head at gong. Round was even. Sixth Round—Mandot stabbed a left to face and then opened up a notch. They swapped wallops on two sides of the ring, the southerner having the better of the changes. They exchanged a series of wallops. Mandot landed a right to jaw and they were in a terrific mix-up in the center of the ring when the gong sounded. Mandot's round. Seventh Round—Wolgast sent a left to body. Mandot swung a light right to head and then put a "one-two" to the head, rushing a left to the head and a hard right to body. Wolgast uppercutted to jaw and swung right to head. Wolgast planted a hard right to stomach. It was Mandot's round. Eighth Round—Mandot landed left to body and in a mix-up, which followed, both landed punches which did no damage. Mandot sent right to jaw and Wolgast returned right to body. A right to mouth made Wolgast spit blood. This round was all Mandot's and Wolgast was worried when he walked to his corner. Ninth Round—Mandot opened with a left, and in a clinch Wolgast roughed it, landing lightly with rights and lefts to body. Mandot jabbed left to face and followed with straight right to head. Ad uppercut to body with left. Mandot landed two rights to head and a right to kidney. Mandot uppercutted to chin with right. Mandot clipped hard left to body. For the remainder of the round there was not much action, and at the gong Mandot had the shade. Tenth Round—Mandot opened with his usual left jab to face. Joe swung a right to head and Ad put a right to body. Mandot landed a right to head and Wolgast a right to body. Wolgast sent a hard left to head. Mandot uppercutted with left. When the gong sounded they were in a clinch. It

was Mandot’s round and fight. September 18, 1914
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