

SAYS HE SAW FOUL

Dr. A. M. Smith Calls It "De- liberate" and "Painful."

Both Down When Welch Called Ad Wolgast Victor.

CHAMPION WAS HITTING LOW

Crowd Demanded Change in Decision After Fight.

Bloody Lightweight Battle Ends in 13th Round.

Los Angeles, July 5.—Dr. A. M. Smith, Dr. L. W. Burt and Dr. Byington examined Rivers immediately after the Mexican had reached his dressing room. Dr. Smith stated that he saw the blow struck and that it was a "deliberate foul." Doctors Burt and Byington agreed that the blow was foul and very painful.

Al Harder, official timekeeper for the club, said that it was just nine seconds before Rivers was hit and when Rivers and Wolgast went down. Several seconds had elapsed before Referee Welch began to count. "I don't know how many seconds Welch had counted before I rang the bell," said Harder, "but I do know that after I rang the bell ending the round Welch gave the decision to Wolgast."

For twelve rounds Ad Wolgast and Joe Rivers fought like catamounts in their lightweight championship battle at Vernon arena. In the thirteenth round there came a blow which landed low and both boys in an instant were sprawling and writhing on the floor. Wolgast was declared the winner by Referee Jack Welch. Then bedlam broke loose—a demonstration lasting for more than half an hour—by 11,000 excited fight fans, the most remarkable feature of which was that it was handled throughout by less than a dozen policemen without violence of any sort.

Thursday night Referee Welch stands disputed by Rivers and by thousands of spectators in his decision that Wolgast won by a knockout. The Mexican fighter claimed a foul and his dressing room he displayed a dented aluminum protector to prove his claim. Wolgast said he also was fouled, but although in conference with Promoter Tom McCarey of the Pacific Athletic club, Tom Jones, his manager, said he did not believe the foul inflicted upon the champion was intentional. Jones said Wolgast stumbled over the feet of Rivers as the latter lay prostrate and fell upon his adversary's knees. Wolgast fainted and was carried to his dressing room.

As Wolgast was taken out, the spectators jeered and booed him. He struggled in frantic efforts to get into the ring where Referee Jack Welch stood for a moment in hot altercation with the angered manager of the loser of Rivers, and then disappeared. Welch remained only long enough to reassert that Rivers' claim of foul was unfounded, that the fight lasted nine seconds on Rivers and that the gong ending the round did not intervene before he had completed the count.

McCaray and Jones, who did not believe Jones' story, repeated his offer made in the ring, to let the little men fight it out at once.

Wolgast Striking Low. The end came suddenly. Both boys, gory from head to belt, their faces puffed and cut, were fighting near the ropes on the north side of the ring when Rivers collapsed. Wolgast previously in the same round, and in several others, had struck Rivers rather low, and when Rivers went down there was a sudden shout of foul. In an instant Wolgast was down on top of Rivers, growling, and his feet on top of Rivers' body, his features contorted.

Welch immediately began counting and was still counting when he reached down and helped Wolgast to his feet. There were shouts that the bell had ended the round, while Welch was counting. The arena by this time was in an uproar.

Al Harder, timekeeper for the Pacific Athletic club, shouted that he had rung the gong. At this point Rivers, his face disfigured by a swollen eyelid, weakly to his feet, and squared away, ready to renew the battle. Welch waved him back.

"That's an outrage, and it won't go here," a dozen angry men who had scrambled through the ropes exclaimed to Welch. "It will have to go," the referee replied. "It was fair," and slipped out of the arena.

Welch Calls Decision Fair. Welch said last night: "Wolgast was clearly the winner. Just before Rivers went down, Wolgast had landed a heavy blow to the body just below the pit of the stomach and followed with another smash with the right almost to the same place. Another blow was low. I did not see what happened to Wolgast. "Rivers did not say as if he had been fouled. The picture will show that I was right and that there was not a foul blow struck."

Welch added that he did not declare bets off, although a statement to that effect was shouted from the ring while the confusion was at its height.

Betting commissioners stated that payment of bets would be according to the decision of the referee. Many pronounced the statement of Jones that Wolgast had stumbled over Rivers' feet. Rivers said Wolgast went down under the terrific blow to the jaw and in this he was backed up by several ringside seatholders, although Welch declared no such blow was struck.

The gate receipts for the fight were \$41,465. Round 1. Called at 4:42. Rivers led and they clinched. Rivers landed three lefts to

the face in quick succession and Wolgast covered up. Rivers was much faster and his blocking was better than the champion's. In a clinch, Rivers sent in three stiff rights, jarring Wolgast. It was Rivers' round.

Round 2. Rivers opened a gash in Wolgast's neck. The blood spurting in a stream. Rivers checked Wolgast ten times without a return and then put a stiff left to the stomach. Rivers put a stiff right to Wolgast's nose. Wolgast fell short. It was Rivers' round.

Round 3. Wolgast took a stiff left in the stomach and head. The fighters exchanged fearful rights and lefts. Wolgast missed a right swing and Rivers put in another left to the wind. They fought like tigers. Wolgast went to a clinch and covered up both with blood. In a clinch Rivers opened the wound in Wolgast's neck. Round even.

Round 4. They clinched and Rivers sent Wolgast's head back with a right. Wolgast clinched but could not land at close work. Again Rivers rocked Wolgast's head but the champion bored in. Wolgast found much difficulty in hitting Rivers. Wolgast was wild. Again he missed and the Mexican put in left and right to wind. It was Rivers' round.

Round 5. They went into a clinch and both held on. Wolgast put light left to jaw and missed a right in a neutral corner. Rivers put left and right to wind and received but a light right to jaw. Then they stood in the middle of the ring and looked at each other. They clinched and Rivers nearly upset Wolgast with a right to the jaw. The round was even.

Round 6. They clinched. Wolgast missed and was nearly upset again. Then Rivers put a stiff left to the wind. Another right to the jaw rocked Wolgast, but he bored in. His judgment of distance was poor. In a clinch Rivers put right to jaw and Wolgast went down. He was up in an instant and they fought like tigers, head to head. It was Rivers' round by a big lead.

Round 7. Both were cautious. In a clinch, Rivers backed the champion to the ropes. Wolgast then sent in left and right to the wind, Rivers covering. In the break both landed light lefts. Rivers then jarrd Wolgast and the champion was wild, hitting low. Both seemed tired and they clinched. Wolgast again hit low. It was Rivers' round.

Round 8. Wolgast tried with right and left and missed both. Wolgast suddenly rushed and put left and right to the wind, chasing Rivers around the ring. Both seemed content to go at it at long range. Both were very tired and slowed down considerably. The round was slightly Wolgast's.

Round 9. After a clinch Rivers got in light left to stomach. Wolgast began to crouch to protect his stomach. Rivers seemed to be resting as he kept away. It was the tinnest round of the fight. Wolgast rushed suddenly and put a stiff left to stomach, making Rivers wince. Wolgast had a shade.

Round 10. Wolgast rushed and Rivers blocked, making the champion miss a left. Rivers kept away, poking Wolgast and stepping back. In a clinch Wolgast made Rivers cover with swings to the jaw. Rivers suddenly jumped in and put a hard right over Wolgast's head. Wolgast clinched, taking nothing in return. Head to head, they exchanged fearful body smashes and were clinched at the bell. Round Wolgast's by shade.

Round 11. Wolgast missed left to wind and Rivers hit him three times without a return. Rivers put a hard left to jaw. Both slipped and nearly rolled in fighting. Wolgast could not hit him hard and clinched. Rivers then stood still and took four or five hard lefts and rights to the jaw but never wincing. He then sent in a hard left, staggering the champion. Wolgast's smile had disappeared and he seemed very tired. Round even.

Round 12. Wolgast got in a right to the wind, rushing Rivers to the ropes. Wolgast then tried hard to land on the wind but could not get through Rivers' blocking. Time and again the champion missed. Rivers not attempting to follow up his advantage. Both rushed, and head to head, it was an exchange of fearful blows, Rivers having the better of the mixing. It was Rivers' round.

Round 13. Rivers rushed. They clinched, both holding on. Wolgast nearly went over from a right to the jaw but bored right in, putting left to the wind. "Take your time, Joe," shouted Manager Levy to Rivers, "you have got him." Twice Wolgast missed, Rivers sending in lefts to the face. Wolgast was getting wilder than ever but Rivers kept away.

Wolgast claimed a foul, but it was Rivers who was hit by the foul blow. Wolgast left the ring, in great pain. Rivers was suffering from the blow struck over his groin. It was a palpable foul on Wolgast's part. Manager Levy told Referee Walsh he would continue but Walsh immediately disappeared and left the house.

Both boys were fighting head to head. Wolgast suddenly crouched and sent in a terrific left directly over Rivers' groin. At the same instant Rivers put his right to Wolgast's jaw and the champion went down and was practically out. Rivers fell, writhing in pain and Referee Walsh began to count. Claims of four fouls were made in behalf of Rivers but were not heeded by Walsh. The referee picked Wolgast up from the floor and declared him the winner. His seconds had to carry him from the ring. Rivers was still lying on the floor but in a moment arose unaided. The ring was instantly in a semi-riot. Walsh seeing the crowd coming, announced

that Wolgast was the winner and immediately disappeared. "It was the worst case of robbery in the history of the American ring," said Manager Levy. "Never before have I seen a referee pick up a man and then give him the decision. The foul blow struck by Wolgast was seen by everyone near the ring. It was the fourth or fifth foul the champion had landed on Rivers. The sum total of it all is that Wolgast knew he was whipped and resorted to his foul tactics to save himself." No one connected with Wolgast's camp would say a word and all of them jumped into an automobile and quickly left the pavilion.

Galena, Kan., July 5.—Galena won an exceptionally hard game from Scammon after Diver weakened in the eight. Score: R.H.E. Scammon 0000100001-2 3 2 Galena 000000004-4 3 2 Batteries—Divers, Ferns, and Ellison; Blunk and Belk.

Chicago, July 5.—Champion Frank Gotch defeated Joe Semkal in straight falls in a wrestling match. The first fall came after 7:30, as a result of a hammerlock hold, and the second in 4:55, a croch hold, doing the work.

Colby, Kan., July 5.—Colby beat Brewster on the Colby grounds today. Score 11 to 0. Batteries: Colby, Minnick, Warner and Dimmitt; Brewster, Beaver and Mallory. Donelan and Crumly of Colby beat Green and Lloyd of Bogue in tennis by the following score, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2.

Hiawatha, Kan., July 5.—Mink League results: Falls City 7-6; Hiawatha 6-2. At Nebraska City—Auburn 9-10; Nebraska City 4-8. At Pawnee City—Beatrice 7-5; Humboldt 2-7.

Osage City, July 5.—The Osage County League team defeated the Topeka Athletics here by a one-sided score. Hoggatt had the visitors at his mercy. Score: Osage City 12 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Topeka Athletics 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Osage City 1 2 0 0 2 4 3 0-12 Batteries—Smith and Allen; Hoggatt and Orendorf.

Dewey, Ok., July 5.—Clarence Ferns, of Kansas, and Art Magril of Bartlesville, waterweights, fought 15 strenuous rounds to a draw here this afternoon. Magril nearly floored Ferns with a right to the jaw in the fourth round, but the Kansas City lad came up strong and evened the battle in later rounds.

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