

Mike Perry on Transitioning to Bareknuckle Boxing

The Joe Rogan experience This bare knuckle boxing thing has been fascinating to watch man because it's like someone designed the perfect sport for you You know what I mean Like you you're particularly well suited for that and it's I find it so fascinating because there's a there's a certain and I really wanted to ask you about this because there's a certain something that applies to bare knuckle fighting that just it it it it's like there's a pain and there's a danger and there's a wildness of it that even some very great fighters they get to a certain they're in there and they're like I don't like this they're too used to gloves they're too used to whatever they're used to They they don't want that experience once they find it once they're in there but you seem to thrive on it You know it's just a real fight to me Um even though I mean I still go to the gym and I do m ma with the guys like I'm I love boxing so much though It's it's my forte It's like what I'm good at Um because I'm I'm cool to take a punch get hit that's fine I'll take a hit to land a better one on you And um in bare knuckle I mean there's a lot of opportunity to fight guys who I mean I did fight Julian Lane who had experience in it He had nine fights in it when we fought and then I fought two guys who hadn't done it yet So you know um but it's it's just like like let's talk about those two guys Like first of all Michael Venom Page that guy is super talented I mean he's extraordinary when you watch him fight in M MA And he's a guy that I kind of predicted one day I was like the one skill that's that you don't see a lot of in M MA is this crazy blitz point fighting style because those guys can cover crazy distances Those are those really good point fighters and he was a really good point fighter And um he was the first guy that kind of shoot showed how that style could apply in M MA He's so elusive and so hard to hit and um you know you just put it on him so well it was different you know it was it was boxing I mean he beat a couple of guys boxing Um but it's um I mean because he's good M MA after I beat him I thought you know maybe they'll try to make that fight happen in M MA now but I do feel like I would overpower him grappling wise Um But his legs are very dangerous I mean that last guy he fought he kicked him in the leg and it was over Yeah he's very dangerous Um That knock the knockout of Cyborg was fucking crazy That was poking ball It's crazy I mean he caved his forehead with his legs That's what I'm saying His legs are dangerous It's interesting to me to want you know I'm hungry for fights I want to fight all these motherfuckers Well I think with a guy like that it's funny I I was watching style Bender was on

Andrew Schultz's podcast and they were talking about him boxing some days like boxing is too limited It's too limited to fight You think about a guy like him who applies this full wild range of things especially with Michael Venom page because he's so good at closing distance and kicking you and kneeing you and that the knee the timing of that knee I mean magnificent Right And when you take all that away and you only have these it's a big difference It's a gigantic difference It's it's so interesting I have the same difference and I like it I like it it fits me Um I mean I did boxing um I had one pro boxing match I'm still o and one as a professional boxer But then I did that Triller thing in the triangle and I fought uh Michael Seals who was 27 and three in a mixed boxing match with a turtle back M MA gloves And um you know I won I mean I just put the pressure on him with a turtle back A glove turtleback are like the training M MA gloves But it was it was like while Metallica was playing Oh yeah I heard they're like kind of big M MA G He was 27 and three as a professional boxer he drops me Uh like once they counted it once he dropped me uh another time I got hit in the back of the head and the ref saw it and I went down a little bit but I got right back up So what is the biggest difference about bare knuckle for you I've I've learned though So like when I fought Julian Lane his little fucking head hurt my hands because a lot of time with boxing gloves on your hands are like open and you try to close it at the right time But you know it's if you do that bare knuckle cause you know how if you're squeezing your fist it's a little harder to move You're kind of tense But in bare knuckle you have to learn how to move while you're tense and keep your hands closed because with gloves you can block a shot like this But in bare knuckle you gotta be closed up tight and squeezing your fist so hard So that when you hit them in the head you you don't destroy your hand There's like there's three levels of vulnerability and the level number one is like you would see a lot of the like the glory guys they keep their hands in a shell like a over here or you know like botter hard those guys would shell up they shell up but they have those big ass gloves and you see that when they come to M MA some of those shots sneak through but then bare knuckle it's it's another level of sneaking through It's a totally different It's it's really interesting to watch a really good fighter like Luke Rockold You know and you and you know Luke Rockold is very skillful He's a very skillful guy And when you were putting it on him I was like this is a totally different thing and you are like uniquely suited for this totally different thing It's different than regular boxing man And remember when Pauly Minna fought uh Artem Lobov Well Polly I mean he's

a scrawny dude and Lobov was just a little dog He's a dog It was a good fight to be honest But the jabbing and moving that Polly did didn't work for him And Luke I don't know You know that's kind of what we were talking about when you brought up Luke we were talking about I was talking about the tight fist and like how bare knuckle is different and it's like I figured out how to utilize the bare knuckle I mean I knocked his teeth out I hit him by the time I caught him and then he was like I'm not trying to get hit like that again It was a matter of time The gap was closing It takes a second He hit me too and I told him I bet it um I haven't talked to him about it or asked him because I don't um I mean you know he lost or whatever so I don't talk to losers but I try to do what winners do man I try to think about winners but when I hit him with that shot and he didn't want to get hit again Um he had hit me I got a little nod on my face right there but I took it and I bet it hurt him I bet it hurt his hand I told him before the fight you're gonna punch me in the head It's gonna be the hardest thing you ever hit And then I'm gonna I'm gonna head butt you in your hands and I'm gonna punch you in your face and you're gonna quit and that's what he did Yeah it's good stuff man It's a different thing man It's a different thing I think I can do it in any gloves though Any sport I could fight in the UFC I have a mindset and I fight with these guys I do M ma I see your belt on the wall in there when I went and did the cold plunge you It's like a red belt or a black belt with red stripes That's John Jocks that's not your belt It's John Jock Machado When he when he got his coral belt he he gave some of them out to some of his dudes like that you know coral belt stuff I'm I'm going to chase back my my black belt I'm a purple belt for stripe for years now Could have been have my brown belt I got great JJ I train with some of the best JJ practitioners I just choose to sprawl and brawl I like to punch people I think it's the best off button I enjoy it and it's exciting and it's entertainment business right So um and you know uh fucking lost my there's something to be said for that for sure I mean look people love to watch you fight Thank you I appreciate it I was always a giant fans That's what my point was I will fight anyone anywhere I would love to Please give me opportunities I want to show and be I wanna be a fucking coral belt in my own right in my own way And people know when Mike Perry walks down the street it's like that's what the baddest motherfucker that ever lived dude Mike Perry they're gonna talk about me just like they did Mike Tyson I feel like Mike Tyson I feel different I'm I'm better what what changed in you Like how how did you come into your own Because you were always a really good fighter But it seems like over the last

few years you're on a completely different I have a family I love them so much and you know I'm a I'm a human I fuck up I make mistakes and shit But you know I know I don't give up I keep going and I push and I took you know David Goggins type shit You know it's like I stopped making fucking excuses and fucking was like you know cause I'm hurt all the time I'm always fucking hurt I don't care I'm like all right fuck it I gotta wake up every day and feel this shit You can't fucking hurt me because I'm I'm in enough pain I take anything you got and give it back that's fighting and I got and I do it for you know I do it for fighting I love fighting like that's my shit That's even though it hurts it Fuck my face up I've hate it's a love hate relationship My family can hurt my feelings too So it's all emotional feelings and if you tell yourself just who who cares like just no one cares about your problems or anything So just handle your business