

Report Accuses Track Coach Salazar Of Promoting Doping

According to a report by ProPublica and the BBC, track coach Alberto Salazar has breaking doping rules since long.

Salazar, the coach of [Mo Farah](#) and Galen Rupp, was accused by Steve Magness, a former assistant at Salazar's [Nike Oregon Project](#), of encouraging Rupp to use testosterone medication. Salazar, a three-time New York City Marathon winner, is also coaching the American teenage sensation Mary Cain.

Magness, who is now serving as the cross country coach at the University of Houston, also alleged that Salazar has been using his son, Alex, as a guinea pig for testing supplements to find out at what levels they would set off a positive test.

Kara Goucher, a world championship bronze medalist in the 10,000 meters, also claimed that she was pressed to take thyroid medication by Salazar even she did not had a prescription for it.

The investigation from the BBC and U.S. investigative publication ProPublica revealed that Rupp was instructed by Salazar to use banned substances, including Testosterone and Prednisone, the banned asthma drug, in 2002. The whistleblowers include high-profile U.S. marathoner Kara Goucher and Steve Magness. The Panorama program also quoted three witnesses with sworn statements claiming that Allan Wells, who won 100m gold at the 1980 Olympics, had taken [anabolic androgenic steroids](#).

Peter Eriksson, head coach of Canada's track and field team, he knew about the allegations "a month ago," after he met with Salazar.

Salazar denied the allegations and remarked that there were a few disgruntled former athletes and coaches with an axe to grind who were starting rumors. Eriksson said the rumors have been going around for a while and they are not substantiated.

Salazar also said the legal supplement Testoboost had been "incorrectly recorded as 'testosterone' medication" on the report of Galen Rupp. The coach when questioned about his son participating in tests to evade drug testers said he was determining how

much of testosterone gel would it take to trigger a positive test in case rivals of his team attempted to sabotage one of his athletes. Magness remarked the defense of Salazar is ludicrous and it was them trying to figure out how to cheat the tests.

Meanwhile, the World Anti-Doping Agency has issued a statement saying that we have carefully viewed the BBC's Panorama program which includes some allegations suggesting doping in athletics. The WADA statement added the program alleges practices relating to coach Alberto Salazar of the Nike Oregon Project in the United States. Any investigation will be a matter for the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) and the IAAF, and the relevant information shall be passed to them.

It was also remarked that WADA acknowledge that the program also raises questions regarding the ability of athletes to dope by taking minimal amounts of performance-enhancing substances without testing positive, otherwise known as 'micro-dosing'. It went to comment that this is an issue that we are exploring in great detail with experts from across the anti-doping community, and indeed it was highlighted in the recent Cycling Independent Reform Commission (CIRC) Report.