

Rodeo Star calf ropers accused of rigging rodeo

Cooper, Moore named in lawsuit over \$1 million bonus prize

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FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A rodeo promoter is suing two star calf ropers, accusing them of rigging an event in Arlington, Texas, last year so that they could get a cut of a possible \$1 million prize.

RFD-TV Events made the allegations in a lawsuit Tuesday against three-time world champion calf roper Tuf Cooper and the world's current top-ranked roper, Timber Moore.



Cooper



Moore

The alleged scheme centered on a bonus reward for those who qualified for the event rather than being invited, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported. Qualifiers could earn up to \$1 million from a "side pot" for winning any of seven competitions at The American Rodeo on March 1, 2015.

Cooper and Moore agreed to throw a competition to improve a qualifier's chances. The qualifier won the event, with Cooper finishing second and Moore third, and all three were to split the winning check of \$517,000 — \$100,000 for the first-place finish and \$417,000 from the "side pot," the lawsuit alleged.

However, rodeo organizers soon learned of the scheme and stopped payment on the check, the lawsuit said. RFD-TV Events now wants to recover other prize money earned by Cooper and Moore up to \$100,000.

A telephone message left by The Associated Press for Cooper at Elite Rodeo Athletes, of which he is a member, was not returned Wednesday. A message left by the AP on Moore's cellphone also was not returned.

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GRAHAM:

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something for it. Every day you wake up and until you go to bed you're doing some type of rehab. It's been like that for me for eight months and it will continue to be like that for me for the next eight months. It's something I'm always going to have to pay attention to."

Graham's injury happened as he attempted to pull in a pass in the end zone during Seattle's victory over the Steelers. He already had four catches in the game against the Steelers before going down. He finished the season with 48 receptions and two touchdowns.

"The pain was pretty terrible. That's for sure," Graham said. "And when you look down at your knee and don't see your kneecap you know something is wrong."

Now, the lingering question is whether he still has the speed and agility that made him such a difficult matchup prior to the injury. A number of players have been unable to return to form after a patellar tendon tear. New York Giants wide receiver Victor Cruz, who had the same injury, told Graham not to rush his return.

"I don't think about how other guys have been or what it's done to other guys," Graham said. "I think I'm a little different. I'm still fast, which is real good."

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Taz Olson of Prairie City, S.D., turns his steer in 4.5 seconds in steer wrestling Wednesday at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo in Hermiston. Clint Robinson of Spanish Folk, Utah, chases down his calf for a time of 9.8 seconds in tie down roping. Ryan Bothum of Caddo, Okla., turns his steer in 5.1 seconds in steer wrestling.



OLYMPICS: US rugby eliminated after narrow loss to Fiji

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margins: 5.55 seconds.

As for the tears, well, "that's a great question from a 5-year-old," Armstrong said with her now-familiar grin. "That's what we do, we cry when we're happy."

"I'm going to have to explain that one to him a little later."

Zabelinskaya earned silver just days after she was cleared to compete by the Court of Arbitration, while Dutch rider Anna van der Breggen added bronze to her gold from the road race.

Dutch rider Ellen van Dijk slid off the wet road along the southern coast of Rio de Janeiro and finished fourth, the miscue likely costing her a medal. Road race bronze medalist Elisa Longo Borghini of Italy was fifth and world champion Linda Villumsen of New Zealand sixth.

"It was very hard today. The roads on the downhill were very slick," Villumsen said. "I didn't want to take chances and that cost me some time. The race didn't go the way I wanted."

It went perfectly for Armstrong who, one day shy of her 43rd



Cyclist Kristin Armstrong holds her gold medal during the podium ceremony of the women's individual time trial event on Wednesday.

AP Photo/Patrick Semansky

birthday, joined speedskater Bonnie Blair as the only American women to win three gold medals in the same event at any Olympics.

Also on Wednesday, the U.S. men's basketball team got its first good test in fending off Australia 98-88 behind Carmelo Anthony's 31 points. Anthony hit a flurry of 3s after the Americans, who barely broke a sweat in their first two games, trailed early in the fourth quarter.

With a dazzling 15.8 on the high bar, Kohei Uchimura, the superstar

gymnast from Japan, won the men's all-around title on Wednesday night, edging Oleg Verniaiev of Ukraine by less than a tenth of the point to capture his second straight Olympic gold.

Defending champion Mexico was eliminated from the men's soccer tournament with a 1-0 loss to South Korea. In boxing, Kansas fighter Nico Hernandez is guaranteed to win at least a bronze and become the first American to medal in the Olympics since 2008.

Other highlights from Day 5 at

the Rio Games:

SWIMMING SHOCKER: Kazakhstan has its first Olympic swimming medal, and it's golden. Dmitry Balandin pulled off a stunning upset in the men's 200-meter breaststroke, winning from the eighth lane to put his central Asian country on the swimming medal stand for the first time. Yosuiro Koseki of Japan went out fast and was more than a second under world-record pace at the final turn but faded to fifth. Josh Prenot of the United States claimed silver and Anton Chupkov of Russia landed the bronze.

EBNER ELIMINATED: Nate Ebner, the safety for the New England Patriots who took a break from training camp to fulfill his Olympic dream, sprinted from almost halfway to score a try in the right corner against Fiji to make it 24-19, piling the pressure on Madison Hughes. But the U.S. captain and goal kicker missed the conversion from out wide, leaving the margin at five. Less than that and the Americans would have advanced.

MARINERS: Tigers reliever Wilson amused by fascination with cupping

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Leonys Martin added an insurance run on an RBI single later in the eighth.

Arquimedes Caminero (1-0) pitched the eighth and earned the victory. Nick Vincent finished it for his second save.

Robinson Cano tagged Verlander for a homer on a 1-2 changeup in the first. The homer was Cano's 25th.

Detroit tied it in the fourth with the help of a review reversal. Ian Kinsler opened with a walk,

then stole second, but only after a 3-minute, 8-second review reversed a caught-stealing call.

Kinsler advanced to third on a groundout, and then scored on J.D. Martinez's single through the left side.

Hernandez was lifted after throwing a season-high 117 pitches. In 15 career starts against Detroit, Hernandez is 9-3 with a 2.48 ERA.

Verlander also had a season high with 121 pitches.

BULLPEN BACKUP: After Tuesday's 15-inning game in which 16 combined pitchers were used,

both the Tigers and Mariners added to their bullpens. The Mariners promoted RHP Jarrett Grube from Triple-A Tacoma, and OF Guillermo Heredia was optioned out while SS Luis Sardinas was designated for assignment. The Tigers called up RHP Warwick Saupold from Triple-A Toledo, placing OF Cameron Maybin (left thumb sprain) on the 15-day disabled list.

CUPPING 'DEFINITELY WORKS': Tigers reliever Alex Wilson is amused by Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps and other athletes who have embraced

cupping, a treatment that involves applying glass or plastic cups to the area of discomfort and either applying heat or suction to create a vacuum.

"It's pretty common (in baseball)," Wilson said. "I'd say at least the last five, six years. It definitely works."

He picked it up in Boston three years ago watching Koji Uehara and Junichi Tazawa do it.

"I think every swimmer and gymnast have cup marks on them now," he said. "It's kind of fun to watch."

SCOREBOARD

Olympics

TV SCHEDULE

Today
NBC — Rowing - Semifinals and Gold Medal Finals; Women's Water Polo - U.S. vs. China (LIVE); Swimming - Qualifying Heats (LIVE); Women's Beach Volleyball - Fendrick/Sweet (U.S.) vs. TBA (Russia) (LIVE); Men's Beach Volleyball - Dalhausser/Lucena (U.S.) vs. Nicolai/Lupo (Italy) (LIVE); Canoe/Kayak - Whitewater Gold Medal Finals, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Women's Gymnastics - Individual All-Around Gold Medal Final; Swimming (LIVE); Men's 50m Freestyle - Semifinals; Women's 200m Breaststroke - Gold Medal Final; Men's 200m Backstroke - Gold Medal Final; Women's 200m Backstroke - Semifinals; Men's 200m Individual Medley - Gold Medal Final; Women's 100m Freestyle - Gold Medal Final; Men's 100m Butterfly - Semifinals, 5-9 p.m. Women's Gymnastics - Individual All-Around Gold Medal Final; Canoe/Kayak - Whitewater Gold Medal Final, 9:35-10:35 p.m.
NBCSN — Women's Archery - Individuals Eliminations; Beach Volleyball - Preliminary Round (LIVE); Women's Fencing - Team Epee Quarterfinals (LIVE); Women's Judo - 78kg Elimination Round; Women's Archery - Individual Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Men's Rugby - Semifinals (LIVE); Women's Archery - Individual Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Women's Judo - 78kg Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Beach Volleyball - Preliminary Round (LIVE); Men's Rugby - Bronze Medal and Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Women's Field Hockey - U.S. vs. India (LIVE); Boxing - Elimination Matches; Men's Table Tennis - Singles Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Men's Volleyball - U.S. vs. Brazil (LIVE); Women's Shooting - Rifle, Three Positions Finals, 5 a.m.-9 p.m.
USA — Women's Water Polo - Italy vs. Australia; Men's Table Tennis - Singles Semifinals; Badminton - Preliminary Round; Men's Basketball - Brazil vs. Croatia (LIVE); Badminton - Preliminary Round; Men's Handball - Brazil vs. Germany, 6 a.m.-2 p.m.
MSNBC — Beach Volleyball - Preliminary Round (LIVE); Women's Water Polo - Spain vs. Hungary; Men's Volleyball - Poland vs. Argentina (LIVE); Equestrian - Team Dressage Qualifying; Sailing, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
CNBC — Women's Fencing - Team Epee Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Cycling - Track Gold Medal Final, 2-5 p.m.
GOLF CHANNEL — Golf Central Live From the Olympics, 2:30-3 a.m. & Noon-2 p.m.; Men's Golf - 1st Round (LIVE), 3:30 a.m.-Noon
BRAVO — Tennis (LIVE), 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
NBC BASKETBALL CHANNEL — Men's Basketball - Brazil vs. Croatia (LIVE); Brazil vs. Croatia encore, Nigeria vs. Spain (LIVE); Lithuania vs. Argentina (LIVE); Women's Basketball - Belarus vs. Turkey (LIVE); France vs. Brazil, Japan vs. Australia, 8:15 a.m.-8:15 p.m.
TELEMUNDO — News Recap; Beach Volleyball - Preliminary Round; Boxing - Elimination Matches; Basketball; Boxing - Elimination Matches, 7:30 a.m.-Noon
NBC UNIVERSO — Boxing - Elimination Matches; Volleyball; Basketball, Noon-5 p.m.

Wednesday's scores & results
BASKETBALL
Men
France 76, Serbia 75
United States 98, Australia 88

Venezuela 72, China 68

Women
Spain 89, China 68
United States 10, Serbia 84
Canada 68, Senegal 58

FIELD HOCKEY

Men
New Zealand 9, Brazil 0
Australia 2, Britain 1

Women
New Zealand 2, Spain 1
Australia 6, India 1
Germany 2, South Korea 0
Britain 3, Argentina 2
United States 6, Japan 1
Netherlands 1, China 0

RUGBY

Men
France 26, Spain 5
Australia 12, South Africa 5
Japan 31, Kenya 7
Britain 21, New Zealand 19
Argentina 31, Brazil 0
Fiji 24, United States 19

Placing 9-12
United States 24, Brazil 12
Spain 14, Kenya 12

Quarterfinals
Fiji 12, New Zealand 7
Britain 5, Argentina 0
Japan 12, France 7
South Africa 22, Australia 5

SOCCER

Men
Portugal 1, Algeria 1
Germany 10, Argentina 1
South Korea 1, Mexico 0
Colombia 2, Nigeria 0
Japan 1, Sweden 0
Brazil 4, Denmark 0
South Africa 1, Iraq 1

TEAM HANDBALL

Women
Spain 29, Brazil 24
Romania 25, Montenegro 21
Russia 36, Sweden 34
Norway 30, Angola 20
Netherlands 32, South Korea 32
France 27, Argentina 11

VOLLEYBALL

Women
China 3, Puerto Rico 0 (25-20, 25-17, 25-18)
Netherlands 3, Italy 0 (25-21, 25-20, 25-20)
United States 3, Serbia 1 (25-17, 21-25, 25-18, 25-19)
Russia 3, Cameroon 0 (25-19, 25-22, 25-23)
South Korea 3, Argentina (25-18, 25-20, 25-23)
Brazil 3, Japan 0 (25-18, 25-18, 25-22)

WATER POLO

Men
Australia 8, Japan 6
Hungary 5, Greece 8
United States 6, France 3
Italy 6, Montenegro 5
Spain 6, Serbia 5
Brazil 9, Croatia 4

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Men
Pool A
Alison Cerutti and Bruno Oscar Schmidt, Brazil, def. Adrian Ignacio Carambula Raurich and Alex Ranghieri, Italy, 21-19, 21-16.

Clemens Horst and Alexander Doppler, Austria, def. Josh Binstock and Samuel Schachter, Canada, 21-19, 16-21, 15-8.

Pool B
Robert Meeuwssen and Alexander Brouwer, Netherlands, def. Bartosz Losiak and Piotr Kantor, Poland, 21-19, 21-19.

Pool F
Adrian Gavira Collado and Pablo Herrera Allopuz, Spain, def. Jacob Gibb and Casey Patterson, United States, 21-19, 16-21, 15-7.

Jefferson Santos Pereira and Cherif Younousse Samba, Qatar, def. Alexander Huber and Robin Seidl, Austria, 18-21, 21-19, 15-12.

Pool B
Elsa Baquerizo McMillan and Liliana Fernandez Steiner, Spain, def. Agatha Bednarczuk and Barbara Seixas de Freitas, Brazil, 21-17, 22-20.

Barbora Hermannova and Marketa Slukova, Czech Republic, def. Ana Gally and Georgina Klug, Argentina, 13-21, 21-19, 15-8.

Pool C
Yuan Yue and Fan Wang, China, def. Mariafe Artacho del Solar and Nicole Laird, Australia, 21-16, 21-11.

April Ross and Kerri Walsh Jennings, United States, def. Isabelle Forrer and Anouk Verge-Depre, Switzerland, 21-13, 22-24, 15-12.

Pool F
Louise Bawden and Taliqua Clancy, Australia, def. Madelein Meppelink and Marleen van Iersel, Netherlands, 27-25, 18-21, 16-14.

Olaya Perez Pazo and Norisbeth Agudo, Venezuela, def. Natalia Alfaro and Karen Cope Charles, Costa Rica, 21-16, 21-19.

CANOE-KAYAK
Men's Kayak (K1)
Final
1. Joseph Clarke, Britain, 88.53.
2. Peter Kautz, Slovenia, 88.70.
3. Jiri Prskavec, Czech Republic, 88.99.

CYCLING
Men's Individual Time Trial
1. Fabian Cancellara, Switzerland, 1:12:15.42.
2. Tom Dumoulin, Netherlands, 1:13:02.83.
3. Christopher Froome, Britain, 1:13:17.54.
Also
22. Taylor Phinney, United States, 1:17:25.31.
23. Brent Bookwalter, United States, 1:17:57.61.

Women's Individual Time Trial
1. Kristin Armstrong, United States, 44:26.42.
2. Olga Zabelinskaya, Russia, 44:31.97.
3. Anna van der Breggen, Netherlands, 44:37.80.
Also
10. Evelyn Stevens, United States, 46:00.08.

DIVING
Men's Synchronized 3m Springboard
Final
1. Britain (Jack Laugher; Chris Mears), 454.32.
2. United States (Sam Dorman; Mike Hixon), 450.21.
3. China (Yuan Cao; Kai Qin), 443.70.

FENCING

Men's Sabre

Bronze Medal

Jungwhan Kim, South Korea, def. Mojtaba Abedini, Iran, 15-8.

Gold Medal

Aron Szilagyi, Hungary, def. Daryl Homer, United States, 15-8.

Women's Foil

Bronze Medal

Ines Boubakri, Tunisia, def. Aida Shanaeva, Russia, 15-11.

Gold Medal

Inna Deriglazova, Russia, def. Elisa di Francisca, Italy, 12-11.

GYMNASTICS (ARTISTIC)

Men's Individual All-Around

1. Marios Georgiou, Cyprus, 9.433.
2. Kohei Uchimura, Japan, 15.800.
3. Arthur Mariano, Brazil, 15.266.

Also

4. Christopher Brooks, United States, 15.200.

7. Samuel Mikulak, United States, 15.133.

JUDO

Men -90 kg

Bronze Medal A

Donghan Gwak, South Korea, def. Marcus Nyman, Sweden, Ippon, Seoi-nage, 2:31.

Bronze Medal B

Xunzhao Cheng, China, def. Otgonbaatar Lkhagvasuren, Mongolia, Uchi-mata-sukashi, 5:00.

Gold Medal

Masbu Baker, Japan, def. Varlam Liparteliani, Georgia, Ouchi-gari, 5:00.

Women -70 kg

Bronze Medal A

Sally Conway, Britain, def. Bernadette Graf, Austria, Yuko, Kouchi-gaeshi, 4:00.

Bronze Medal B

Laura Vargas Koch, Germany, def. Maria Bernabeu, Spain, Wazari, 4:00.

Gold Medal

Haruka Tachimoto, Japan, def. Yuri Aivear, Colombia, Ippon, 2:19.

SHOOTING

Men's 50m Pistol

Final

1. Jongoh Jin, South Korea, 193.7.
1:12:15.42.
2. Xuan Vinh Hoang, Vietnam, 191.3.
3. Song Guk Kim, North Korea, 172.8.

Men's Double Trap

Bronze Medal

Steven Scott, Britain, def. Tim Kneale, Britain, 30-28.

Gold Medal

Fehaid Aldehaini, Independent, def. Marco Innocenti, Italy, 26-24.

SWIMMING

Men

100m Freestyle

Final

1. Pieter Chalmers, Australia, 47.58.
2. Kyelemont Briscoe, Australia, 47.85.
3. Nathan Adrian, United States, 47.85.

Also

6. Caeleb Dressel, United States, 48.02.

200m Breaststroke

Final

1. Dmitry Balandin, Kazakhstan, 2:07.46.
2. Josh Prenot, United States, 2:07.53.
3. Anton Chupkov, Russia, 2:07.70.

Also

8. Kevin Cordes, United States, 2:08.34.

Women

200m Butterfly

Final

1. Mireia Belmonte Garcia, Spain, 2:04.85.
2. Madeline Groves, Australia, 2:04.88.
3. Natsumi Hoshi, Japan, 2:05.20.

Baseball

MLB

American League

Tuesday's Late Game

Seattle 6, Detroit 5, 15 innings

Wednesday's Games

Washington 7, Cleveland 4

Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 0

N.Y. Yankees 9, Boston 4

Chicago Cubs 3, L.A. Angels 1

Texas 5, Colorado 4

Houston at Minnesota, ppd., 2nd game

Kansas City 3, Chicago White Sox 2, 14 innings

Oakland 1, Baltimore 0

Seattle 3, Detroit 1

Today's Games