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ALL-TIME TICKET SALES RECORD SET AT 2008 SKATE AMERICA IN EVERETT, WASH.

-NEARLY 30,000 TICKETS SOLD-

EVERETT, Wash. (Oct. 26, 2008) – On Sunday, the final day of the 2008 International Skating Union (ISU) Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series Skate America in Everett, Wash., ticket sales surpassed the all-time record of 28,664 set at the 2002 Skate America in Spokane, Wash., with 29,477 tickets sold.

"The pacific northwest has always been welcoming of our events and the athletes, and Everett was no exception," said Ron Hershberger, president of U.S. Figure Skating. "This certainly is a testament to how the community of Everett has embraced this event."

The competition was held over the course of three days at the Comcast Arena at Everett.

At the start of the event, approximately 25,000 tickets had been sold, but the close of the event brought in numerous walk-up sales for the ladies free skate and the Skating Spectacular.

"We're thrilled that we were able to break the record," said Laura Lee, co-president of Production Sports, the local organizing committee of the event. "We knew the fans would come out to support the event, but we never imagined we'd able to break the record – it's amazing that Everett now holds this honor."

Individual ticket sales began in March, and since, fans took advantage of a wide variety of ticket packages, including all-event packs, and single-event and practice sessions.

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