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ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating 2021/22 Guaranteed Rate Skate America, Day Three

[Alexandra Trusova](#) (RUS) and Ice Dancers [Madison Hubbell/Zachary Donohue](#) (USA) skated off with gold as the ISU Grand Prix [Guaranteed Rate Skate America](#) concluded Sunday in Las Vegas (USA).

Hubbell/Donohue (USA) capture fourth Skate America title

[Madison Hubbell/Zachary Donohue](#) (USA) captured their fourth consecutive Skate America title on home ice. Teammates [Madison Chock/Evan Bates](#) danced off with the silver medal while Canadians [Laurence Fournier Beaudry/Nikolaj Sorensen](#) took the bronze.

Hubbell/Donohue put out a confident and smooth performance to “Drowning” by Anne Sila, collecting a level four for the lifts, twizzles and combo spin. The circular step sequence was rated a level two and the one-foot-step sequence was a level two and three. The ISU World silver medalists scored 125.96 points and totaled 209.54 points.

“Something clicked this morning and I felt great on practice and I just wanted to keep that feeling and skate for myself and be there for Zach, be present in the performance from the beginning to the end,” Hubbell said. “I think we’ve accomplished our goals in doing so and also accomplished the other goal which was to come out with gold.”

Chock/Bates took the roles of an astronaut and an alien in their dance to music by Daft Punk and impressed with level-four lifts and twizzles. The two-time World medalists achieved a season’s best with 125.68 points which added up to 208.23 points overall.

“We love stepping into these characters of alien and astronaut. They are so unique and always interesting for us to explore,” Chock commented. “We are grateful for the opportunity at Skate America to show our programs that we are very excited to keep growing this season.”

Dancing to “Call to Prayer” and “The Last Kingdom”, Fournier Beaudry/Sorensen earned a level four for the twizzles, lifts and combination spin. The Canadians ranked fourth in the Free Dance with 114.80 points, but overall remained in third place at 190.13 points.

“We’re so happy to perform our Free Dance again,” Sorensen said. “We did it only one time last season. It’s a very personal one for us, about our own story, our cultures and backgrounds. We are thankful for being back in front of a live audience. It is really special.”

[Olivia Smart/Adrian Diaz](#) (ESP) placed fourth with their Spanish themed “Zorro” dance on 189.69 points. [Annabelle Morozov/Andrei Bagin](#) (RUS) finished fifth with their dance to “Scheherazade”.

Hubbell/Donohue have now 15 points for the Grand Prix standings and will compete again in two weeks at the Grand Premio d’Italia. Chock/Bates, who have 13 points, are headed to Japan for

NHK Trophy next while Fournier Beaudry/Sorensen (11 points) have a long break before the last Grand Prix event, Rostelecom Cup in Sochi (RUS).

Spectacular Alexandra Trusova (RUS) strikes gold

Russia's [Alexandra Trusova](#) struck gold in what was a high-level competition. [Daria Usacheva](#), also from Russia, claimed the silver in her debut at the senior-level Grand Prix while [Young You](#) of the Republic of Korea moved up from fifth to capture bronze.

Trusova, who is battling a foot injury, opened her dynamic program to "Cruella" with a quad Lutz and reeled off a triple loop, double Axel-triple toeloop, triple Lutz-triple toe, triple flip-Euler-triple Salchow and another triple Lutz. The 2021 World bronze medalist scored 154.68 points and racked up 232.37 points overall to win with 15 points to spare.

"I skated my program with a very easy content, I did only one quad," the 17-year-old said. "I am happy that I was able to skate clean but in the future I want to do more quads. I was a bit more nervous, because my preparation wasn't as good because of the injury and I did not do many run-throughs of my programs."

Usacheva's program to "Nessun Dorma" was highlighted by five clean triple jumps and level-four spins. Her only error came when she stepped out of a triple flip. The 2020 World Junior silver medalist ranked fourth in the Free Skating with 140.60 points, but remained in second place at 217.31 points overall.

"I am a bit upset with the mistakes that I made in the Free Skating but I am happy with my result," the 15-year-old told the post-event press conference. "For me this competition was a bit harder (than events in Russia) because it was my first senior international."

Performing to "Les Miserables", You landed a slightly underrotated (q) triple Axel and followed up with five clean triples to earn a season's best of 146.24 points. She accumulated 216.97 points to move up from fifth to pick up the second Grand Prix medal of her career after a bronze at Skate Canada in 2019.

"My triple Axel and other triples were a little q (underrotated) today, but I am still happy that I did not do a big mistake," You said. "Yesterday (after the Short Program) I was not so motivated but today I remembered the past couple of seasons when I skated pretty well and I was very motivated," she added.

[Kaori Sakamoto](#) (JPN) delivered a strong performance and was just edged out of a medal at 215.93 points in fourth place. [Ksenia Sinitsyna](#) (RUS) produced another strong skate but slipped from third to fifth at 205.76 points. [Amber Glenn](#) (USA) finished sixth (201.02 points).

Trusova collected 15 points for the Grand Prix standings and is headed next to NHK Trophy in Tokyo, where she will meet Usacheva (13 points) and You (11 points) again.

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating continues next week with Skate Canada International in Vancouver.

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The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating series consists of six events: [Guaranteed Rate Skate America](#) in Las Vegas (USA) October 22-24, [Skate Canada International](#) in Vancouver (CAN) October 29-31, [Gran Premio d'Italia](#) in Turin (ITA) November 5-7, [NHK Trophy](#) in Tokyo (JPN) November 12-14, [Internationaux de France](#) in Grenoble (FRA) November 19-21 and [Rostelecom Cup](#) in Sochi (RUS) November 26-28. The [ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final](#) will take place in Osaka (JPN) December 9-12.

About ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating

The ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series started in 1995 (previously known as the ISU Champions Series) and consists of six invitational international senior events and the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. The top six of the past World Championships are seeded. Competitors collect points in their events towards the qualification for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. Only the top six Skaters / Couples in each discipline can qualify for the Final.