## Media English 媒体英语 19 October 2012 Football ticket tension 足球票紧张局势



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在意大利那不勒斯市的铁杆球迷,又称极端球迷,向当地足球俱乐部发出通知,对其在网上售票的做法提出警告。许多极端球迷参与犯罪集团非法倒卖足球票,牟取暴利。如果俱乐部推出网上售票这将直接威胁到他们的利益。请听 BBC 记者 Mark Duff 发回的报道:

Matchday at the San Paulo stadium in Naples: a **cauldron** of footballing passion and **spiritual home** to 60,000 dedicated Napoli supporters. But a vast banner **unfurled** at the team's last home game hinted at a darker side to Neapolitans' love of football. "Tickets online," it read. "Never!" The message was the work of a group of **die-hard** Napoli ultras.

The reason for their opposition to online ticket sales is simple: some **ultras**, long-linked with the local Camorra crime syndicate, **make a killing** out of buying up batches of tickets, then selling them on to **eager** fans for up to three times their **face value**. Online sales could help put an end to that.

The scam was highlighted last season when tickets went on sale for Napoli's Champions League match against Chelsea. Camorra-backed **thugs** bullied their way to the front of the queue, leaving many fans **empty-handed**, after a 12-hour wait for the chance to see their heroes in action against the London club.

## **Questions**

- 1. What is the name of the stadium in Naples?
- 2. What message was written on the banner that was unfolded at the stadium?
- 3. How much more do genuine football fans have to pay for their tickets from these ticket touts?
- 4. What is the name of the crime group in Naples?

## **Vocabulary and definitions**

cauldron	大锅
spiritual home	精神家园
unfurled	展开,张开
die-hard	铁杆
ultra	超级铁杆(球迷)
make a killing	赚很多钱(暴利)
eager	- 热切期待的
face value	面值
thugs	暴徒
empty-handed	空手而归

## **Answers to the questions**

1. What is the name of the stadium in Naples?

Answer: San Paolo Stadium.

2. What message was written on the banner that was unfolded at the stadium?

Answer: Tickets online. Never!

3. How much more genuine do football fans have to pay for their tickets from these ticket touts?

**Answer:** Fans have paid as much as three times the face value for tickets.

4. What is the name of the crime group in Naples?

**Answer:** Camorra crime syndicate.