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**Tickets to NFC title game pouring into resale sites**

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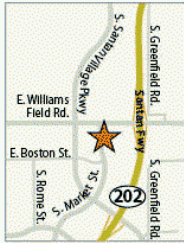
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Football fans shut out by the rapid-fire pace that tickets for Sunday's Cardinals-Eagles game sold still have hope on the secondary market.

Thousands of tickets are available at online resale sites such as StubHub and RazorGator.

At StubHub, a record was set Monday, with more tickets sold for the Arizona-Philadelphia match-up than any other NFC Championship in the company's history.

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The 6,000 or so tickets sold on StubHub as of Monday afternoon apparently speak to tough economic times as fans weigh attending Sunday's game against making a tidy profit.

The sales volume also might say something about the loyalty of Arizona ticket holders.

Few Green Bay Packers fans are ever willing to part with their tickets, StubHub spokesman Sean Pate said. As a result, StubHub's average price to last year's

NFC Championship between Green Bay and the New York Giants was \$710.

This year's average resale price on StubHub is about \$320, lower in part because so many tickets are available on the secondary market. In fact, the game is the lowest priced championship that Pate has seen in years and less than the AFC Championship between Pittsburgh and Baltimore, where ticket resales are averaging \$380.

RazorGator reported prices for the Cards game ranging from \$297 to \$1,995.

Hundreds more tickets were available at places such as craigslist, where season ticket holders, who got first dibs on playoff tickets, were putting them on the block.

"The first one to contact me with cash gets the tickets," said one craigslist poster from Surprise.

Some fans are critical of Arizona ticket-holders selling to the highest bidder. The franchise opted to only sell admission to Arizona residents, in part to build the home field advantage.

StubHub reported that ticket buyers have hailed from 42 states, with 56 percent from Arizona and 8 percent from Pennsylvania.

While Cards loyalists condemned reselling of tickets, others criticized the team's decision to only sell tickets directly to those who could prove Arizona residency. The team intended to open it up this week nationally, but the tickets sold out before that could happen.

Connecticut ticket-broker Don Vaccaro, CEO of TicketNetwork.com, said selling tickets only to residents goes against Arizona's public policy, which is to pay off the 3-year-old, \$455 million stadium through a tax on tourism.

"You're trying to bring folks into the state," he said.

But, the Cards aren't the first team to do this.

"It is not new for clubs to want to sell tickets to their local fans first, since they support them year-round, and (clubs) also want to capitalize on a home-field advantage," said Brian McCarthy, a spokesman with the NFL.

During a playoff game two years ago, the Chargers limited ticket sales to San Diego area

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