



## **Cannae Holdings, Inc. Announces AFC Bournemouth Qualifies for UEFA Europa League for the First Time in Club History**

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*~ Historic Achievement Represents Further Validation of Multi-Club Strategy and Cannae as Sports Investor ~*

LAS VEGAS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 26, 2026-- Cannae Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: CNNE) ("Cannae" or the "Company") and Black Knight Football Club ("Black Knight Football") announced that AFC Bournemouth ("AFCB" or the "Club"), has finished the Premier League in sixth place and qualified for the UEFA Europa League for the first time in the Club's 127-year history.

AFC Bournemouth secured its place in Europe's premier club competitions following the conclusion of the 2025-26 Premier League season and a run of 18 unbeaten matches. AFCB finished in sixth place in the league table with 57 points which represents the Club's highest ever finish in the table, and a second consecutive year of record points. European football marks a remarkable milestone for a club that was playing in the third tier of English football less than a decade and a half ago, and was in 19<sup>th</sup> place in the Premier League at the time of Black Knight Football Club's acquisition in 2022.

"We are incredibly proud of this historic achievement by AFC Bournemouth," said William P. Foley II, Vice Chairman of Cannae Holdings and General Partner of Black Knight Football. "Qualifying for the Europa League represents the next step in the Club's journey and demonstrates the exceptional work of the coaching staff, players and management team. We are grateful for our supporters and the Bournemouth community and I am thrilled that they will experience European football next season."

"AFC Bournemouth's qualification for European Football highlights the investment success of AFC Bournemouth and the power of our multi club model," said Ryan R. Caswell, CEO of Cannae Holdings. "We are excited for next season at AFC Bournemouth and look forward to continuing the success across Black Knight Football Club."

The Europa League qualification brings significant financial, sporting and ancillary benefits to AFCB, including increased broadcast revenues, commercial opportunities, greater brand recognition and the ability to play against Europe's best leagues.

The current season's success is even more notable as it comes after two transfer windows where the team sold key players for over \$350 million, including the most valuable individual player transfer in the world during the winter 2025/26 transfer window and the Club being named Europe's second most profitable trading club in the summer 2025/26 window<sup>1</sup>. These sales, and the team's subsequent performance and European qualification, demonstrate the power of the Black Knight Football multi-club platform.

### **About AFC Bournemouth**

AFC Bournemouth is a professional football club based in Bournemouth, Dorset, England, competing in the Premier League. Founded in 1899, the Club plays its home matches at Vitality Stadium and has a rich history serving its community on the south coast of England. AFCB is 100% owned by Black Knight Football Club, a portfolio company of Cannae Holdings, Inc.

### **About Black Knight Football Club (BKFC)**

The result of a partnership led by William P. Foley II and supported with a significant stake held by Cannae Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: CNNE), Black Knight Football Club has been building an international multi-club model for success at the highest level of world football since 2022.

BKFC's multi-club ownership strategy includes 100% stakes in AFC Bournemouth (England) and FC Lorient (France) as well as a majority stake in Moreirense FC (Portugal). In addition, the broader group has strategic affiliation agreements with Auckland FC (New Zealand), Orlando City SC (United States) and Kyoto Sanga (Japan).

### **About Cannae Holdings, Inc.**

We primarily acquire interests in operating companies and are actively engaged in managing and operating a core group of those companies. We believe that our long-term ownership and active involvement in the management and operations of companies helps maximize the value of those businesses for our shareholders. We are a long-term owner that secures control and governance rights of other companies primarily to engage in their lines of business, and we have no preset time constraints dictating when we sell or dispose of our businesses. For more information, see [cannaeholdings.com](http://cannaeholdings.com).

### **Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors**

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<sup>1</sup> Per Tifosy research.

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