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FROM THE

BOARD ROOM

As we welcome Poole to the Bob Lucas Stadium for what promises to be a lively and passionate local derby, I want to begin by reaffirming something I said in my last set of notes: no team in this league is unbeatable, and we have shown that we can compete with—and beat—any side in this division.

Our recent win over Walton & Hersham, who are without doubt the best passing footballing side we've faced this season, proved exactly that. Their quality on the ball was outstanding, yet our game management, the work done in training, and the attention to detail throughout the squad allowed us to dominate on the pitch when needed. It was a fully deserved victory, one that could have been even more comfortable had we had scored that fourth goal.

Away from the match itself, I'd like to touch on some of the ongoing work around the club. Supporters will have noticed further levelling work behind the Tony Hobson Stand. This is part of a longer-term plan to create a hard-standing area that we can eventually utilise for the benefit of the club.

We all have ambitious ideas for what the space could become, but none of those ideas can move forward until the ground is properly prepared, so this is a key early step.

I also want to address recent news concerning several of our women's players moving to Ridgeway. This season has been one of transition, and dropping from two women's teams to one became necessary due to the strength and structure of the league. For the development of the players, we felt that stepping down a level would provide better long-term progression than competing each week in a division where confidence could be affected. With only one team, the amount of available game time naturally halves, and so a number of players have now joined Ridgeway. Although the process took longer and was more complicated than I'd hoped, I want to say to those players: enjoy your football at the level that's right for you — that is what matters most.

FROM THE

BOARD ROOM

Another area we've had to review is our policy on unaccompanied under-16s. At recent fixtures, including this one, we saw large groups of under-16s purchasing tickets independently. This raises safeguarding concerns, as we must ensure that any minor entering the ground is either accompanied by an adult or that we at least hold clear identification and contact details. Speaking as a parent, if my children at 13 or 14 were inside a stadium unaccompanied, and those responsible for the venue had no way of knowing who they were or how to reach me, I would be concerned. Our updated policy is built around that principle, and we believe it is robust, fair, and gives us a strong platform as we look to encourage more young people from grassroots clubs across Weymouth and the wider area to come and support their local team safely.

Turning back to today's match, Poole arrive sitting second in the league, and we know from our earlier fixture how tough a challenge they can be. But I believe we have come a long way since that game, and I am confident that what we see today will be a very different performance. The progress the squad has made is something we intend to build on continuously. Let's show that on the pitch today and give Poole the battle our supporters deserve to see.

Up the Terras.

Ralph

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FROM THE

DUG OUT

Good afternoon and welcome to the Bob Lucas Stadium for today's home derby against Poole Town.

Games like this always mean a bit more, and we're fully aware of the challenge that awaits us this afternoon.

Over recent weeks, the players have shown real character and togetherness, and there's been a noticeable lift in our performances. The attitude, work rate, and belief within the group has been excellent, and that's something we're determined to carry into today's game. We know that consistency is key, and days like this are a great opportunity to build on the momentum we've been creating.

Please get behind the team today and make some noise for them.

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Up the Terras

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FROM THE SA

ADE MACDONALD

Good Afternoon,

I'd like to welcome the supporters, players & officials of Poole Town here to Weymouth. I hope you enjoy our hospitality this afternoon and wish you all a safe journey home after the game.

I want to talk about something important that was bubbling away on social media a week or two ago.

One evening, out of the blue, we had the news from the club of a change in policy to match day admission for younger fans aged under 16. I think it must be said that the initial communication from the club wasn't great, to say the least. The response from fans, of all ages, online was one of justifiable concern. Within the SA Board we felt the same and whilst fans were making their case to the club through social media comments, we were doing the same directly. The following day the SA were provided with an explanation as to why it's been necessary to review and amend the policy for U16's. Alongside that the WFC Chairman issued an updated statement, showing that the situation had been reviewed and that changes to the new policy had been made. In a nutshell, fans aged between 13 – 16 must now gain a specific season ticket, free of charge, to allow them to attend home matches without being accompanied by an adult. We agree that this is a sensible move. Other clubs at our level operate the same or very similar policies.

We can all take some learning from what happened here.

It's no secret that the club is operating with the bare minimum of Directors doing the work right now. Previously we've made it clear to them that our SA people are ready to help however we can. If we'd been asked, 'could you help us to look at this under 16 issue?' we would have jumped at it. The outcome would have been the same as it is now, but all the fuss could have been avoided. The WFC Directors are all capable and I can assure you that they only act with the best interests of our football club in mind. However, sometimes things come thick & fast

and they get side swiped. That's all that happened this time, nothing more, nothing less. I know they will read this. Gents, please learn from this and next time take a breath and ask for some help.

Part of the reason that the club had to make some changes was down to some problems at a couple of games recently. I won't go into the specifics, but these issues have led to consequences for our club. That doesn't mean that we should be wagging our fingers at the youngsters in the ground, nothing like it at all. Our young fans are class. On a match day they are the ones with the songs and the drums, creating the atmosphere in the ground. They are the future of the WFC fanbase and most of us have been there earlier in life. That's why we were so passionate about those changes being made in the right way.

The SA is here to represent fans, and I'd like it if we can get some real engagement with the younger ones. That's something that we've learnt from this and we're looking at now.

As I said, our regular young fans are class, and we were not going to sit back and let a very small minority spoil it for everyone. I hope that with the new policy in place those regular young fans will feel a greater part of the club. 'I support The Terras, and here's my season ticket that they gave me!' When I talk about engagement, I mean just that. Two-way communication, listening and talking. Supporting football doesn't come with many firm rules, but there are a few boundaries. When someone steps over one of those is when we can face problems, for individuals as well as for the club. We can all learn about each other's boundaries and how to not step over them.

I'm quietly thinking that some long term good can come from that little episode.

That's been bugging me but, now that it's off my chest, what a couple of weeks we've had with two great wins. Let's be honest, none of us turned up at the Walton & Hersham game with much more than a faint hope that they would arrive here and realise that they'd left their goalkeeper and defenders all back at Fleet services. Well, for the first five minutes

it seemed as though they had! Two goals from Brandon had me pinching myself expecting to wake up and find it's Monday morning and it's raining again. But no. From there on, what a great team performance from the lads. That was the best and most disciplined performance I've seen from a Terras side in ages. Then, the boys went up to Basingstoke last week and came from behind to bring back all three points again. W3, D1, L1 since Jamie took hold of the rudder. Well done you Terras!

Today then and it's Poole town visiting. Put our visit over there right out of your mind, on our current form we'll give any team in the league a decent game. The boys do need us to do our bit though. The youngsters to sing and bang that drum I talked about and the rest of us to cheer them on. Come on boys!

Up the Terras

Ade

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NUMBERS BEHIND THE GAME

vs Poole Town

Record v Poole

ALL – P233 W127 D37 L69 (W55% D16% L30%)
Home – P110 W75 D27 L18 (W68% D35% L16%)

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League form –

WEY – WDLWW - Last W2-1 v Basingstoke(A)
POO – WWDDW - Last W2-1 v Walton & H. (A)

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Biggest W/L v Poole

Win – 12-0 (1894 friendly & 1922 Western lge)
Loss – 0-6 (1912 Dorset lge & 2025, Southern lge)

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The Dolphins in the league -

2025/26 – 2nd in Southern league Premier
2024/25 – 14th in Southern league Premier

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Last 5 & WFC scorers v Poole

25/26 L0-6(A) Southern League Premier
23/24 L0-1(A) Friendly
22/23 L0-4(A) Dorset Senior Cup
22/23 L0-1(A) Friendly
20/21 W4-0(H) Friendly (McQuoid, Robinson, Hoey, Whelan)

Manager
Joe Lea & Pat Suraci (12mths)

Previous managers
Steve Tully... Matt Tubbs... Tommy Killick

Most league goals v all in 25/26

28 – Shaq Gwengwe(POO)
9 – Brandon Goodship(WEY)
7 – Ik Hill(POO)

Most goals in this fixture
(Last 26 since 09/10)

4 – Mark Ford(WEY) & Richard Gillespie(POO)
3 – Steve Devlin & Tony Lee(POO), Luke Burbidge(POO2, WEY1)

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Squads last time we met–

11th October 2025 – Southern League
LOST 0-6 Mgr – Steve Claridge

TERRAS – Clark, Davies (Betts 59), Mantle, Douglas, Genesini, Robinson, Bearwish, Watts, Burrows (Goodship 32), Pollock, Reid (Moss 72).

Dolphins – Parkes, R.Campbell (McCormick 76), Staunton, Lowes (Davis 65), K.Campbell, Gwengwe (Ayo 74), Hill (Saied 70), Slade, Jordan, Dore, Diaz (Spalding 70)

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Played for both teams (There are over 100!
Showing those highest in the WFC appearances list...)

Anni Iannone(2nd), Bryan Lawrence(3rd), Derek Courtney(8th), Paul Arnold(10th), Simon Browne(18th), Mark Robinson(24th), Ralph Miller(33rd), Jake McCarthy(46th), Charlie Swindells (65th), Trevor Allen(67th)

DUNCAN GARDNER @TERRASTATMAN

STATS AND FACTS

NUMBERS BEHIND THE GAME

vs Poole Town

The Dolphins are very familiar local foes who we have faced at regular intervals over our entire history. This will be match no.234 in all competitions and if you think that sounds like a lot then you'd be right – we've only played a certain team near Sherborne more often!
Over the years we have generally had the better of our encounters although not in recent times. Our last four meetings have all been losses at Tatnam and all without the Terras scoring a single goal!

We have to back to 2020 for our last victory over the East Dorset outfit – a 4-0 pre-season friendly win in September before the pandemic-delayed start to the Conference South promotion season. Our last competitive win was the 2-0 Dorset Senior Cup win the previous December.

For our most recent meeting in the league we have to go back to Easter Monday 2019 in Poole when a certain Calvin Brooks opened the scoring for the Terras after just 12.4 seconds – possibly the fastest ever Weymouth goal caught on tape (have a look on youtube) but the hosts came back to ultimately draw the festive fixture 1-1.

A fast opening goal is on the cards again this weekend from either side based on the form of strikers in both camps. For Weymouth Brandon Goodship is on a run of 7 goals in 6 league games (and 4 in the last 2), often ably assisted by another man in a rich vein of form – Matty Burrows who has 6 assists in the last 3 league & cup outings. However Poole can point to their own sharp marksman in Shaq Gwengwe, currently the 2nd highest goalscorer in the division no less with 28 notches this term to date.

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Tune in:
https://theterras.mixlr.com/

The Dolphins - a history

In the beginning....
Poole FC were formed on 20th September 1890 by the merger between two local sides, Poole Rovers and Poole Hornets, who can trace their origins back to 1880, thus the club celebrated their centenary in 1980 with some high profile games against the likes of Manchester Utd, WBA and Manchester City.

The Recent Years:

2000 – 2008: The new millennium saw the club continue to stride forward but further silverware remained just beyond their grasp despite becoming a force in every league they played in. Starting in the Hants Premier division the Dolphins finished runners up in 2000-01, 5th in 2001-02, 4th in 2002-03, and 3rd in 2003-04.

Re-alignment of the leagues for the **2004-05** season saw them join the newly formed Wessex Division 2 and gain promotion at seasons end finishing runners-up to Lymington Town FC, the two clubs being 21 points ahead of the rest of the pack. 2006-07 Poole joined the top flight of the Wessex and gained a credible 8th in the much tougher league.

For the **2006-07** the division was renamed Wessex Premier and Poole started promisingly again but their challenge for honours faded with a series of poor results over the Christmas period, however they recovered to f inished strongly in 4th. In this period there has been some good cup runs too. Poole reached the Trophyman League Cup quarter-finals in both 2002-03 and 2003-04 and the latter year also saw the Dolphins reach the semi f inal of the Dorset Senior Cup losing 1-2 to Gillingham. They repeated the feat again in 2006-07 losing the semi-final to Sherborne by the same margin. 2005-06 saw them get to the Dorset Senior Cup final but the gods contrived to deny them success against Hamworthy on the night.

Their first year in the Wessex in **2004-05** saw them reach the semi-finals of the League cup against all the odds losing to Thatcham Town over two legs, and the following season they reached the semi's again, losing out to Andover that year. The club moved to its current home at Tatnam Farm during this period and continual ground improvements saw the erection of a stand and bar and refreshment facilities and great improvements to the club house and area ingeneral. Poole led the way in the league for much of the 2007-08 season slipping up early in the new year to eventually finish 4th once more. They also had a good run in the F.A. Vase reaching the 4th round but again suffered disappointment on their other cup competitions.

2008 to date Sustained Success at last: - That elusive Silverware f inally arrived in the 2008-09 season. Poole Town won the Wessex Premier title and were to finish as the second best team of 1,600 Football Association clubs in the whole of England, based on points per match, with the following record: played 42, won 38, drawn 2, lost 2. in the league and were the top team in the country, but then they inexplicably lost their last two league games! They also won the Dorset Senior Cup (beating Dorchester 2-0 aet), in a thriller at Weymouth's Radipole Lane ground and reached the semi finals of the League Cup. They were, however denied promotion to level 4 due to inadequate ground grading at the Tatnam. They won the Wessex League Title again in 2009-10 by an impressive 18 points and reached the final of the League Cup, but again failed to gain promotion after the plans to build a new ground at Bracksome Rec fell through.

The real coup for the **2009-10** season was more personnel, Top goalscorer, Charlie Austin made the successful leap from Poole to Swindon Town in the Football League Division One. Then moved to Burnley in the Championship.

2010-11 and Poole reached the F.A. Vase semi finals losing out to Whitley Bay. They also won Wessex Premier title for the third successive season once more by a huge 20 point margin and at last gained Promotion back to their spiritual home in the Southern league after a 15 year absence having finally been given permission to make improvements to the ground to take advantage of the offered Promotion.

The first season back in **2011-12** saw them make a late charge to secure second place behind Champions Bideford. They beat Hungerford convincingly in the play off Semi's and were minutes away from winning the Final against Gosport. But hopes of a second straight promotion were dashed by two late goals from Steve Claridge to send Gosport up to the Southern Premier.

2012-2013 saw the club win the Southern South & West Division by 14 points in addition they won the Dorset Senior Cup, being 4 – 1 winners over Wimborne Town at The County Ground, Hamworthy and finish up with a treble winning the Southern League Championship Trophy match beating Central Division champions Burnham – 1 – 0 on their own ground. Thus for 2013 14 promotion to the now named Calor League Premier Division was achieved.

2013/14 saw a 7th place finish and also disappointment coming so close to a FA Cup 1st Round spot losing out to Conference South side

The Dolphins - a history

Staines Town in a replay at Poole. Off the field by the end of March a new clubhouse, dressing room improvements, new covered standing, new seating installed, new boardroom, new office, new tea bar and new toilets were in place.

2014/15 saw the club in the mix for promotion to Conference South throughout the season unfortunately the final results saw them fall short losing a final day match to Corby Town who won the title. Tuesday 31st March the club won the Red Insure Southern League Cup for the first time drawing 0 – 0 with Corby Town at Tatnam, Poole taking the trophy on the away goals rule after their 1 – 1 at draw at Corby on the 18th March, they were also the winners of the Fair Play award for the Premier Division. The newly formed U21 side also At the time of securing the title they had been unbeaten won the Dorset U21 Development League and the U18's reached the 1st Rd Proper of the F.A. Youth Cup f inally losing out to Torquay Utd. The players from the previous season stayed together and 2015-16 saw the club go one better and achieve promotion as champions of the Southern Premier Division winning the title by a margin of 9 points from 2nd place Redditch Utd thus yet another new challenge now awaits in the National League South, the club lost out v Whitehawk in the FA Cup 4th Qualifying Rd down in Brighton. Which means over the last 9 seasons the club has won 5 league titles and been runners-up on 2 occasions.

2016-17 saw a 5th place finish in National League South but no play-off place due to ground grading issues despite major ground improvements once again at Tatnam to stave off threats of demotion. Tatnam was also now re-named the Black Gold Stadium. Poole Town U18's also reached the 2nd Rd Proper of the FA Youth Cup losing out to Leyton Orient at Poole in front of a 300+ crowd.

2017-18 saw a final day relegation with the club dropping back into the Southern Premier after two seasons.

2018/19 saw the club reach the Southern League – Premier South play off final after securing 5th spot in the table, after winning the semi final away at Taunton Town which went to a dramatic penalty shootout AET only to lose out at Metropolitan Police by a 1– 0 score line. They did secure the Dorset Senior Cup v Wimborne Town winning 5 – 0 at Dorchester Town in April.

The 2019/20 season saw Poole on course for a Playoff spot, before the league was abandoned, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The **2020/21** season Poole were top of the league and looking strong contenders for promotion, before the league was abandoned once again just after Christmas, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

In the **2022/23** season saw Poole finish strongly in 4th position in the league with a 17 match unbeaten run towards the end of the season. The semi final play off game was away versus Truro City which ended 1-1, only to lose out on penalties. Truro eventually won promotion after beating Bracknell in the Play off final.

2023/24 season saw several changes in Managers, after long term legend and manager of 20 years, Tom Killick was relieved of his duties early on in the season. Several players also left, following Killick to Dorchester Town. Former AFC Bournemouth player Matt Tubbs took charge of the Dolphins. A change in shape and new players arriving, together with results looking better, things were looking great for Poole until a disastrous run of 7 defeats in a row. This led to another change in manager with Steve Tully replacing Tubbs. Tully steadied the ship and with some good results managed to stay above the relegation places.

2024/25 season started with real optimism, Steve Tully shaped his squad and the season started well. The Dolphins were hard to beat, winning games by the odd goal but not scoring many. This was untimately their downfall as goals started to leak in and combined with a lack of attacking impetus, the Dophins started to slide down the table. With only 2 wins in 3 months, during Sept, Oct & November the Board decided to change the management and brought in Joe Lea and Pat Suraci from Gosport on the 9th January 2025.

Initially Pat & Joe found themselves in a tough situation, needing to change the inherited squad and make improvements. Supported by the board they brought in a few key additions, which eventually changed the Dolphins fortunes at the beginning of March. Scoring and confidence improved massively and towards the end of the season, they lifted themselves out of the bottom four to safety. A noticable 2-1 victory away at eventual champions Merthyr Town, during this period, was a highlight of the season. This was Merthyr's only home defeat all the season on a day they expected to win promotion, this showed just how much Poole have improved under Pat & Joe

Poole Town - Pen-pics

From the Dugout

PAT SURACI - JOINT MANAGER

Pat came through Southampton's academy as a youngster before moving out to Belgium at just 18 years old to sign a professional contract with Lummel. On his return to England he linked up with Joe Lea at Gosport Borough before heading into management with Petersfield Town and more recently Gosport.

JOE LEA - JOINT MANAGER

Joe started his playing career as a youngster coming through AFCB's academy before signing for Yeovil Town and making two appearances for the Glovers. In 2018 he joined Gosport where he spent four years before deciding it was time to take on a joint head coach role with Pat Suraci at Petersfield Town. After a successful first season, they moved back to Gosport Borough as head-coaches and took the side to the playoffs last season and experienced two historic cup runs

1 - ADAM PARKES GOALKEEPER

The 25-year-old shot-stopper came through Southampton's academy after joining the Saints at the age of 10 and made appearances on the international stage for England at under 17's level. Parkes signed for Watford in 2019 and went on to have loan spells in the National League with Barnet and Dover Athletic. Following his time at Watford, Parkes was signed by Plymouth Argyle but never made a f irst team appearance for the pilgrims. For the beginning of the 2023/24 campaign, the goalkeeper joined Plymouth Parkway and impressed at Bolitho Park earning him a move to Taunton Last season, after a spell with Taunton Town, Parkes signed for Gosport Borough under the management of Joe Lea and Pat Suraci and made 30 appearances at Privett Park. The goalkeeper has now made the move to Tatnam and signed for the Dolphins for the upcoming campaign.

13 - BEN TAYLOR GOALKEEPER

Goalkeeper Ben Taylor signed for Poole Town following trialling with the club during 2024/25 pre-season. An excellent shot-stopper who came through the academies of MK Dons and Cambridge United. He has played for the likes of North Leigh, Gloucester City and Oxford City. He also had a spell playing in the US. Taylor was part of a Banbury squad that won a league title in the 2021/22 season after making 20 appearances for them. For the 2023/24 campaign, he was at Evesham United and made 28 appearances for the The Robins. Taylor signed for Poole in August of 2024 and earnt the number one shirt after the departure of Cam Plain, Taylor has now renewed his contract for the upcoming season.

2 - JOSH MCCORMICK

McCormick started his career at Winchester after coming through the youth ranks. The right-sided defender had spells with Backfield & Langley and lifted the Sussex Senior Cup with Bognor Regis but has spent the majority of his career with the Citizens. Over the last three seasons, McCormick has been a consistent performer, making 124 appearances and has all the attributes of an attacking full back whilst being defensively resolute.McCormick signed for the Dolphins for the start of the 2025/26 campaign.

3 - RYAN CAMPBELL

The 31-year-old defender becomes our second summer signing and joins us after spending eight years at the Webbswood Stadium and making just under 300 appearances.

Campbell started his career through the ranks at national league south side Chippenham and made his debut for them in 2015.

After two seasons with Chippenham, Campbell made the switch to Swindon Supermarine where he became an instant regular starter and was appointed as captain for the start of the 2024/25 campaign. Campbell is an attacking left-sided defender with an eye for goal having scored 52 goals over the previous eight seasons.

Everyone at Poole Town is looking forward to seeing Campbell in red and white for the upcoming campaign.and will be a Poole Town player until the end of January

4 - ADE OLUMUYIWA

Ade first played for us in the 2022/23 season and became an instant favourite with the fans which led to his return to Tatnam last season over the winter period The defender started his career with Blackfield & Langley in 2017, he's had spells at Farnborough, Weymouth, AFC Totton and then the Dolphins where made 37 appearances between 2022 and 2023. After a spell in America with NSU in the Sunshine State Conference in Florida, Ade decided to return back to the UK and joined Poole on a short term deal where he made five appearances last season, before departing abroad again. Ade has once again signed on this season and will be a Poole Town player until the end of January.

Poole Town - Pen-pics

5 - JAMIE WHISKEN (Captain)
The 36-year-old centre back is a fan-favourite at Poole Town, he was one several players that moved west to Poole Town from AFC Totton in the summer of 2013. The defender's main position is in central defence, but he can also play along the back four as he is just as comfortable going forward as he is in defence. He has made almost 500 appearances for the Dolphins over a span extending ten years and has captained the side for the majority of that time.
He started his career at AFC Bournemouth, where he only managed to play one game in the league cup against Wigan Athletic. 'Whisk' has also played for Basingstoke Town, Bognor Regis and Farnborough Town, he took over as captain of the side during the 2013/14 season.
During his tenure with Poole, the most memorable moment in his career will likely be captaining the side to the Southern Premier League title in 2016 and finishing in a remarkable 5th place in the National League South the following season.
Our captain has now made over 500 appearances for the club and has become the all time record appearance holder for the Dolphins. Whisken put pen to paper to extend his contract at Poole until the conclusion of the 2025/26 season.

6 - BILLY LOWES
Billy Lowes is one of the most technically gifted players in his position, an energetic box to box midfielder with an eye for goal. Lowes started his semi-professional career with Poole Town FC as a 17-year old. After a two-year spell at AFC Totton where he excelled, the dynamic midfielder spent five years patrolling the midfield for Dorchester Town making 186 appearances for the Magpies across five seasons, scoring 12 goals. Lowes made the decision to join Bashley and after an impressive season, Lowes earnt himself a move to the Dolphins, and has been one of our standout players since the start of this season. His superb strike against Plymouth Parkway in one of the final games of the 2023/24 season will never be forgotten. After a fantastic individual season, Billy Lowes has signed on and will remain a Dolphin until the conclusion of the 2025/26 campaign.

7 - KRIS CAMPBELL
Campbell is a technically gifted winger with heaps of experience in the National League South. Born in Croydon, the 30-year-old started his career at nearby Bromley, initially as a goalkeeper before making the switch to defence at 17 years old.
After short spells at Merstham and Dulwich Hamlet, Campbell re-signed for Bromley when the Ravens were in the National League.
For the start of the 2018/19 season, Campbell joined Eastbourne Borough and made 66 appearances at Priory Lane in a two-year span. After short spells at Tonbridge Angels, Bognor Regis and Welling United, Campbell signed for Kent Rivals Dartford.
He played a significant role in the push for the National League South playoffs for the Darts in which they were defeated in the Quarter Final to Chippenham after finishing in 4th place.
Following Dartford, Campbell went on to play for Chatham Town and then Gosport Borough in the Southern Premier Divison South before signing for National League South outfit Hampton & Richmond.
In the 2024/25 season, he made 29 appearances for the Beavers and scored on three occasions and secured eight assists and joined Poole in February and went on to have an instant impact becoming a significant part of why we stayed up.
To the delight of Poole fans, Campbell will remain with the club until the conclusion of the 2025/26 season

Poole Town - Pen-pics

8 - Charlie Davis

A dynamic midfielder who was one of many signings made by Steve Tully for the 2024/25 campaign.

The 28-year-old joined the Dolphins after an impressive season for Sholing where he racked up three goals and 13 assists. He is a cultured and versatile player who has gained the reputation of being a 'free-kick specialist' who has an eye for goal.

Charlie Davis started his career at AFC Bournemouth before moving to Poole as a talented teenager in 2013 and stayed at Tatnam for two years making 26 appearances. After spells at Dorchester and **Weymouth**, Davis re-joined Poole to pursue more game time. In this spell, Davis made nine appearances for the Dolphins, scoring four times including a hattrick in the Dorset Senior Cup against Swanage Town & Herston. However, during the 2018/19 season, Davis left Poole for Gosport Borough and went on to captain the side. The experienced midfielder joined Salisbury in 2020 where he made 57 appearances over a three-year period which led to him signing for AFC Totton and then Sholing before signing across the dotted line for Poole Town.

9 - SHAQ GWENGWE

The 24-year-old centre forward was Joe Lea and Pat Suraci's eighth summer signing and joins us from the Magpies where he spent the previous three seasons. In the early stages of his footballing career, Gwengwe played for the likes of Worthing, Blackfield & Langley and Andover Town and saw success with sides rising through the non-league pyramid. For the 2021/22 campaign, Gwengwe made the move to AFC Totton and scored 15 goals in 29 appearances in all competitions. Following a strong season with the Stags, the striker signed for Dorchester and within his first season, he secured the club's golden boot after finding the back of the net on 13 occasions. Gwengwe went on to score 17 goals the following season which led to several clubs being interested in his signature for the start of the 2024/25 campaign, but he re-signed on at the Avenue. After scoring on ten occasions last season for Dorchester, Gwengwe has now decided it's time to make the step up and sign for Poole for the 2025/26 campaign and will wear the number nine shirt for the upcoming season.

10 - IK HILL

The 24-year-old winger becomes our fourth summer signing and joins us after an impressive individual season last campaign after recording 31 goal contributions in 45 matches. Hill started his career in the youth ranks of Winchester's academy before making his first team debut in 2017. After a spell with Westfield in the Isthmian South-Central Division, the winger returned to Winchester in 2022 and became an instant key player for the Citizens. Last season, Hill found the back of the net on 22 occasions and also recorded nine assists over the course of the campaign in a Winchester side that suffered relegation. Many Poole fans will remember his brace that he scored against us in the 3-2 win at Tatnam last season. After being heavily sought after, Ik Hill has decided to turn to the red and white of Poole and signs on a two year deal.

12 - SAMUEL 'AYO' FANIYAN

The 24-year-old winger started his career in the youth ranks with Reading, before making the move to non-league with the likes of Hertford Town and Tooting & Mitcham. after a successful 2023/24 campaign with Hayes & Yeading United, where he found the back of the net on eight occasions, Faniyan linked up with Joe and Pat at Gosport Borough.Last season, he made 31 appearances for Gosport, but with Joe and Pat's departure from Privett Park, Faniyan also departed the club not long after and finished the campaign with Walton & Hersham. Samuel Ayo Faniyan has now linked up with Joe and Pat once again, and we cannot wait to see him in a Poole Town shirt.

16 - SALIM SAIED

The tricky winger joins the Dolphins from National League South Farnborough after making 91 appearances and scoring 15 goals in three years at Cherrywood Road. The 21-year-old started his career at youth level for National League outfit Woking. He progressed through the ranks into the first team and earned a senior deal in September 2020 and made two National League appearances. Saied joined Farnborough on loan for the start of the 2021/22 campaign, winning the Hampshire Senior Cup anpromotion from The Southern League Premier South.After a fantastic season, he made the switch to the Hampshire side permanent in October 2022. Over the previous two seasons, he made 68 appearances and scored 12 goals before being released at the end of last season. In January, Saied was re-signed by Farnborough and has now signed for Poole Town on loan for the remainder of the campaign and playing a pivotal role in keeping the club in the division. Saied has now signed a two year deal at Tatnam and will be a Poole Town player until 2027.

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17 - Harvey Slade
Harvey Slade is a 6'4 box to box midfielder who provides aerial threat and has an eye for goal with late runs into the box. He originally joined us on loan from **Weymouth** during the 2023/24 but agreed a contract with the Dolphins for the 2024/25 campaign. Slade started his career at Bashley where he scored an impressive six goals in 15 appearances from central midfield emphasising his goal scoring ability from deep.
A player that has impressed Steve Tully during his time at the club and was one of our standout players in the conclusion of the 2023/24 season.
Harvey Slade has now continued his stay at Tatnam and will be a Poole Town player until 2026.

18 - Corey Jordan
The 26-year-old is a natural centre half who can also be used as a right sided defender. Jordan started his career at AFC Bournemouth where he made his professional debut in a 3-2 defeat to Preston North End in the EFL Cup, replacing Tyrone Mings as a substitute. Whilst being under contract with the Cherries, Jordan had loan spells in the National League with **Weymouth** and Eastbourne Borough. Following his release from AFC Bournemouth, he signed for Gloucester City before swiftly moving on to Aldershot in the National League where he made 62 appearances over two campaigns there. For the 2023/24 season, Jordan signed for Gosport Borough and worked under Joe Lea and Pat Suraci in a season where they finished comfortably inside the playoffs in 4th place.
After a successful season, Jordan signed for **Weymouth** for his second spell with the club. After suffering relegation from the National League South with Weymouth, Jordan has switched to the red and wite of Poole Town to reunite under the helm of Joe and Pat.

19 - OWEN DORE
After progressing through the youth ranks of Oxford United and Southampton, the 20-year-old centre back signed for North Leigh in 2022. In January of the 2023, Dore signed for Salisbury and achieved promotion with the Whites from the Southern League Premier South via the playoffs where they beat Gosport Borough in the semi final. Last season, he made 36 league appearances for Salisbury in the National League South and helped them remain in the division.

20 - HENRY SPALDING
The 26-year-old midfielder progressed through Bristol City's youth academy before signing for Marine in 2016. After only playing a handful of games, Spalding made the move to Cirencester Town and spent three seasons at the Gloucester-based side. Spalding then returned back to the Webbswood Stadium and remained there for six campaigns, bar a short stint at Salisbury in 2021.
For the start of the 2024/25 season, Spalding signed for Hungerford Town before moving to Gosport to work under the management of Joe Lea and Pat Suraci. After the duo's departure from Privett Park, he then returned to Swindon Supermarine for the remainder of the campaign and has made over 200 appearances across multiple spells for the club. Henry Spalding has now signed for Poole Town for the start of the upcoming campaign and everyone at the club looks forward to seeing him play at Tatnam.

22 - ANTONIO DIAZ
Antonio Diaz signed for the Dolphins from Gosport Borough where he spent the 2023/24 campaign, accumulating 33 appearances and scoring two goals. The midfielder is not the first in his family to play for Poole Town, his dad Tony was a prolific goal-scorer for the Dolphins in the 90's. The 25-year-old came through AFC Bournemouth's academy and was part of a Cherries' team that won the Youth Alliance Cup in 2017. After spells at **Weymouth**, Dorchester and Wimborne Town, Diaz joined Salisbury in 2020 and made 77 appearances, scoring nine goals. In December 2022, Antonio Diaz made the decision to join Bashley FC before joining Gosport Borough for the 2023/24 season. Diaz has played a vital role during his time at Poole so far, playing multiple different positions and performing admirably whenever featured emphasising his versatility and tireless effort displayed every time he steps foot on the pitch. He also once wore the captains armband against Bournemouth Poppies.

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Woods Words

Richard Wood

A couple of good results, one here last time against the league leaders and another away at Basingstoke last Saturday.

I wrote last time that most Terras fans would not have had a lot of money on us getting anything from the next three matches, well, we have won two of the three so far! Shows what I know.

Those results were needed, as Dorchester also had a good win last week and with the other teams have quite a few games in hand on us, we needed a couple of wins on the board for sure.

Until we are on or near level games played with those with us we are still not sure exactly where we are.

All we can do is go out and get as many points as possible obviously.

Todays visitors will be keen to inflict more pain on us, following our demolition at their place earlier in the season.

Just hope we can go out and try to put that behind us and give a much better account of ourselves this afternoon.

To end today, I just want to write a bit about Gaye Taylor, who was a Terras supporter for many years.

Gaye, along with her partner Pete, did the players kit and various other tasks and volunteering around the club.

My wife and I would never have met them if it wasn't for Weymouth FC and it shows how football at this level is so much more than just turning up and cheering the players on.

We knew Gaye (as did others) outside of football as well and my wife spent quite a bit of time with Gaye, in the last few weeks especially.

Reading the comments on social media announcing her passing, just showed how loved she was, Gaye was a very modest person and if only she could have read the messages to see how well thought of she was.

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Accessibility sits at the heart of everything we do. Whether it's after-school clubs, intervention sessions, or Development Centre training, our aim is to ensure young people continue to have opportunities to stay active, engaged, and developing. Our coaches work hard behind the scenes to adapt delivery when needed and maintain consistency wherever possible.

Our school partnership with Beechcroft Primary School continues to go from strength to strength. Due to positive feedback and growing demand, we have been able to add more intervention support alongside additional after-school sessions, allowing us to reach and support even more pupils in a meaningful way.

As we look ahead, we encourage parents and players to keep an eye on our social media channels, where we will be sharing details about upcoming Development Centre blocks, including opportunities for players to come along for a trial session to experience the environment and see if it's right for them.

Thank you to all schools, parents, players, and supporters for your continued support. We look forward to building on this progress and continuing to grow our Community programmes over the coming months.

Weymouth FC Women

On Sunday 18th January the women beat a strong Bridport side 2-1 to progress to the semi-final of the cup plate.

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This coming Sunday we are away to Ridgeway Development at Redlands in a league match.

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WE ARE officially at the stage of both the Isuzu FA Trophy and FA Vase competitions where we can say: the Wembley arch is on the horizon.

Over the next two weekends, the final eight in each cup will become clear (weather permitting) and then it really is time to start dreaming.

Trophy holders Aldershot Town are out but, in the Vase, Whitstable Town are still in with a chance of going back-to-back.

As always, the Vase feels wide open but so does the Trophy with eight of the last 16 from Step 1. The rest are all Step 2 apart from Walton & Hersham, who host Woking this weekend, and Chatham Town. The Isthmian Premier Chats host Southend United having seen off another National League big hitter in Carlisle United last time out.

"I'm getting laughed at a little less now! I'm a Manchester United fan so to have Mark Hughes come down to the Bauvill with his team who are top of the National League and come away with the win, it was a real pinch-yourself moment," their chairman and manager Kevin Hake told The NLP.

"These clubs coming down to us, it's quite surreal when you think about it. Southend and Carlisle are massive clubs and it shows how far we have come in such a short space of time. It wasn't so long ago we were playing county-league football."

Kevin Wilkin has experienced the highs and lows of the competition. His Wrexham side famously fell to North Ferriby United on penalties in the final but he returned a few years later with Brackley Town, then of the National League North, to beat Bromley – also on spot-kicks.

Wilkin is in charge of AFC Telford United now and they are set to welcome Yeovil Town.

The further you get down the line, I wouldn't say the more you want to win, but the more serious it gets," Wilkin told The NLP. "There are some real big hitters left in there. We know we've got a real tough tie against Yeovil."

"It's great for the supporters to still be in the competition at this stage outside of what we're trying to do in the league.

"The club has maybe been a little bit starved off it late. I know they got to the semi-final a few years back but outside of that I don't think there's been too many other than when you look way back. We've got a great game to look forward to."

The Vase hopefuls have to wait a little longer for their games, which take places on the February 7 weekend.

The competition still has Step 6 representatives with Eastern Counties League Division One South Lymore Gardens – a relatively new name on the Non-League scene – dreaming big.

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"Then, on top of that, we've been getting a lot of foreign groundhoppers too;

We've had people from Germany, France and Poland, loads of them.

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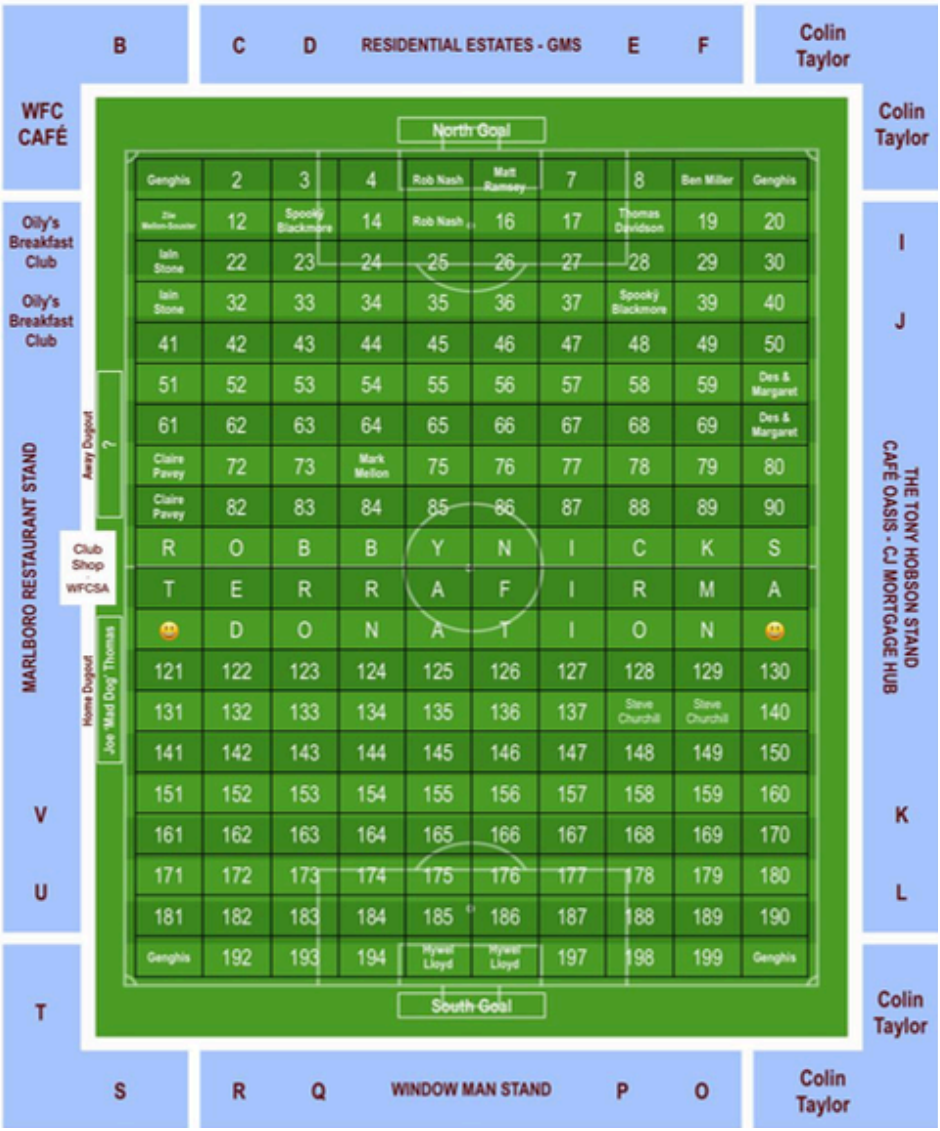

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2025-26 FIXTURES AND RESULTS

AUG25

09 Evesham United	(H) **L** 1-3	Goodship 50'
12 Plymouth Parkway	(A) **W** 0-2	Carson 9', Hewlett 85'
16 Sholing	(A) **L** 3-2	McCarthy 25', Reid 41'
23 Bracknell Town	(H) **D** 1-1	McCarthy 90+7'
25 Wimborne Town	(A) **L** 3-0	
30 Tadley Calleva [FACup]	(A) **L** 4-2	Bearwish 23', Goodship 74'

SEPT25

09 Hanwell Town	(H) **D** 0-0	
10 Taunton Town	(A) **D** 1-1	Bearwish 61'
20 Gloucester City	(H) **L** 0-3	
23 Gosport Borough	(H) **L 0-2**	
27 Tiverton Town	(H) **W 4-1**	Douglas 6', Bearwish 10' + 13', Cook 68'

OCT25

04 FA Trophy 3Q - Wimborne Town	(A) L 2-0	
11 Poole Town	(A) L 6-0	
18 Farnham Town	(A) **W 2-3**	Watts 11' + 73', Reid 63'
21 Hungerford Town	(A) D 0-0	

NOV25

01 Yate Town	(H) D 2-2	Douglas 43', Goodship 66'
08 Walton & Hersham	(A) L 4-0	
11 Bridport (Dorset Senior Cup)	(H) **W 5-4**	Reid x 2, Watts, Moss, Goodship
15 Basingstoke Town	(H) L 1-2	Watts 4'
18 Taunton Town	(H) **W 2-0**	Burrows 20', Watts 92'
22 Havant & Waterlooville	(A) L 2-0	
26 Gosport Borough	(A) L 4-3	Robinson 4', Stone 70', Moss 72'
29 Uxbridge	(H) D 0-0	

DEC25

06 Chertsey	(A) L 4-0	
13 Berkhamsted	(H) L 0-1	
20 Plymouth Parkway	(H) L 1-2	Goodship 39'
27 Dorchester Town	(A) **W 2-1**	Bearwish 45+2', Goodship 45+6'

JAN26

03 Wimborne Town	(H) D 1-1	Goodship 55'
10 Evesham Utd	(A) L 0-1	
14 Sherborne (Dorset Senior Cup)	(A) **W 1-5**	
17 Walton & Hersham	(H) **W 3-1**	Goodship 3' 6', Watt 40'
24 Basingstoke Town	(A) **W 1-2**	Goodship 47' 79'
31 Poole Town	(H)	

FEB26

07 Gloucester City	(A)
14 Havant & Waterlooville	(H)
21 Uxbridge	(A)
28 Farnham	(H)

MAR26

07 Tiverton Town	(A)
14 Hungerford	(H)
21 Yate Town	(A)
28 Sholing	(H)

APR26

03 Bracknell Town	(A)
06 Dorchester Town	(H)
11 Hanwell Town	(A)
18 Chertsey Town	(H)
25 Berkhamsted	(A)

2025-26 LATEST TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Walton & Hersham	26	20	3	3	62	23	+39	63
2	Poole Town	27	15	7	5	58	32	+26	52
3	Gloucester City	26	15	5	6	57	37	+20	50
4	Farnham Town	24	13	7	4	61	34	+27	46
5	Gosport Borough	27	14	4	9	52	46	+6	46
6	Sholing	27	11	10	6	47	37	+10	43
7	Chertsey Town	27	12	7	8	37	28	+9	43
8	Berkhamsted	26	11	7	8	35	33	+2	40
9	Havant & Waterlooville	27	11	4	12	53	49	+4	37
10	Bracknell Town	26	10	6	10	42	46	-4	36
11	Wimborne Town	24	8	10	6	36	29	+7	34
12	Basingstoke Town	27	10	4	13	38	43	-5	34
13	Evesham United	28	8	9	11	38	38	0	33
14	Uxbridge	28	8	9	11	41	49	-8	33
15	Yate Town	25	8	6	11	31	38	-7	30
16	Weymouth	28	7	7	14	31	51	-20	28
17	Hanwell Town	25	7	6	12	30	39	-9	27
18	Taunton Town	26	7	5	14	38	48	-10	26
19	Hungerford Town	26	6	8	12	33	52	-19	26
20	Plymouth Parkway	24	6	6	12	28	48	-20	24
21	Dorchester Town	25	5	8	12	31	47	-16	23
22	Tiverton Town	23	4	2	17	27	59	-32	14

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TEAM SHEET

Pitching In Southern League
Premier Division South
15:00 pm Kick Off
31~January~2026

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Jamie Wells

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		☐	ANTONIO DIAZ

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ASSISTANT : TOBY FRANKLIN
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Saturday 14th February 2026.
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