Division Two 2026: Order of Merit Run-In

What each player needs at the final (November) event

Summary

This is a two-horse race. Jamie Agnew leads on 238 and can't drop below that. Mark Beswick, on 232, is the only realistic challenger. Martin Shaw is mathematically alive but would need 47, well above the season's best score of 39, and everyone else is effectively out.

For Jamie Agnew

He wins if Beswick scores 35 or less, whatever Agnew himself scores. If Beswick goes higher, Agnew stays ahead as long as he scores within 4 points of Beswick (for example, Beswick 38 and Agnew 34 or better).

Targets for every player

Player	Best 7 now	Lowest counting	Final total if Nov beats it	Nov score needed to pass 238
Jamie Agnew	238	30	208 + Nov	**n/a (leader)**
Mark Beswick	232	29	203 + Nov	**36 (35 ties)**
Martin Shaw	218	26	192 + Nov	47 (46 ties)
Jim Cunningham	217	27	190 + Nov	49
Rob Tonks	214	28	186 + Nov	53
Howard Forrester	204	25	179 + Nov	60
John Timson	201	20	181 + Nov	58
Peter Shaw	197	22	175 + Nov	64
Karl Blattner	183	21	162 + Nov	77
Stephen Bentley	178	15	163 + Nov	76
Mark Nicholson	168	n/a (6 scores)	168 + Nov	71
Kevin Ferry	152	16	136 + Nov	103

The "needed" column assumes Agnew scores 30 or less, so he stays on 238. If he scores more than 30, everyone's target goes up by one point for every point he scores above 30.

Head-to-head: Agnew vs Beswick

- **Mark Beswick** wins outright with at least 36 and at least Agnew + 6. A score of 35 (with Agnew on 30 or less) or exactly Agnew + 5 gives a tie.
- **Examples:** if Agnew scores 30 or less, Beswick needs 36. If Agnew scores 34, Beswick needs 40. If Agnew scores 36, Beswick needs 42.
- **Form check:** Beswick has passed 35 only once this season (38 in September), so he needs one of his best rounds of the year. Agnew has gone 36 or better three times.
- **Martin Shaw** needs at least 47 and at least Agnew + 17, and would also have to beat Beswick by 12 or more. Not realistic.
- **Jim Cunningham down to Kevin Ferry** are eliminated.