Leitchy Grand Prix 2026: Run-In Report

What each player needs at the final (November) event

Summary

Mark Beswick and Dave Thompson are tied on 291, but Thompson holds the edge. Both are guaranteed to finish on at least 291. Thompson's lowest counting score is only 14, so almost any finish in November improves his total; Beswick's lowest counting score is 18. On the same November points, Thompson finishes 4 points ahead.

Gez Newsome (282) is the most dangerous chaser and needs 24 points to go clear of 291. Kirk Taylor, Paul Newsome, Steve Price, Jamie Agnew and Craig Whatsize need between 33 and 41. Four more players need a near-perfect day with bonus points, and everyone else is effectively out.

Head-to-head: Thompson vs Beswick

- **Thompson** finishes on 277 (minimum 291). **Beswick** finishes on 273 (minimum 291).
- **Beswick wins outright** only if he scores at least 19 and beats Thompson's points by 5 or more. If he beats Thompson by exactly 4, they tie.
- **Thompson wins outright** if he scores at least 15 and is no more than 3 points behind Beswick.
- **If both fail to improve** (Thompson 14 or less, Beswick 18 or less, or both absent), they tie on 291 and the tie-break applies: most attendances first, then most highest finishes. Both have attended all nine events so far.
- **Beswick's route:** his NTP bonus in Division Two is worth 17 points, against Thompson's 10. A nearest-the-pin plus a strong finish (as in September, when he scored 60) is his best chance of opening a 5-point gap.

What the chasers need.

- **Gez Newsome (Div 1, 268 + Nov):** at least 24, at least **Thompson** + 10 and at least **Beswick** + 6. Has scored 53 and 55 in his last three events.
- **Kirk Taylor (Div 1) and Paul Newsome (Div 1), both 259 + Nov:** at least 33, at least **Thompson** + 19 and at least **Beswick** + 15.
- **Steve Price (Div 3, 257 + Nov):** at least 35, at least **Thompson** + 21 and at least **Beswick** + 17. Division Three's 25-point NTP bonus helps.
- **Jamie Agnew (Div 2, 256 + Nov):** at least 36, at least **Thompson** + 22 and at least **Beswick** + 18.
- **Craig Whatsize (Div 1, 251 + Nov):** at least 41, at least **Thompson** + 27 and at least **Beswick** + 23. Beyond 36, he'd need NTP or Captain's Combo points.
- **Outside chances:** Anthony Harding needs 47, Steve Whiston 56 and Peter Barry 57, all above Division One's 46-point maximum, so they need Captain's Combo points as well as a win and NTP. Peter Weston (Div 3) needs 60, meaning a win plus NTP, with both leaders having a poor day.
- **Everyone else** is effectively eliminated.

Full Grand Prix standings

Pos	Player	Div	Best 8 now	Lowest counting	Final if Nov beats it	Events played	Nov points needed to pass 291
=1	**Dave Thompson**	1	291	14	277 + Nov	9	15+ improves (see head-to-head)
=1	**Mark Beswick**	2	291	18	273 + Nov	9	19+ improves (see head-to-head)
=3	Kirk Taylor	1	285	26	259 + Nov	9	**33 (32 ties)**
=3	Steve Price	3	285	28	257 + Nov	9	**35 (34 ties)**
=5	Gez Newsome	1	282	14	268 + Nov	9	**24 (23 ties)**
=5	Jamie Agnew	2	282	26	256 + Nov	8	**36 (35 ties)**
7	Craig Whatsize	1	275	24	251 + Nov	9	**41 (40 ties)**
8	Paul Newsome	1	259	0	259 + Nov	7	**33 (32 ties)**
9	Peter Barry	1	253	18	235 + Nov	9	57 (56 ties)
10	Peter Weston	3	252	20	232 + Nov	9	60 (59 ties)
11	Anthony Harding	1	251	6	245 + Nov	8	47 (46 ties)
12	Steve Whiston	1	246	10	236 + Nov	8	56 (55 ties)
13	Antony Wale	3	243	16	227 + Nov	8	65
14	Andy Whittaker	3	234	18	216 + Nov	8	76
15	Howard Forrester	2	232	10	222 + Nov	9	70
16	Chris Shaw	1	230	17	213 + Nov	8	79
17	Martin Shaw	2	225	12	213 + Nov	8	79
18	Jason Carroll	3	222	0	222 + Nov	7	70
19	Jim Cunningham	2	210	0	210 + Nov	7	82
20	John Timson	2	206	14	192 + Nov	8	100
21	Rob Tonks	2	204	15	189 + Nov	8	103
22	Rob Ward	3	199	13	186 + Nov	9	106
23	Dave Wiggett	1	197	0	197 + Nov	7	95
24	Ian Hammond	3	193	10	183 + Nov	8	109
25	Jack Davis	1	189	0	189 + Nov	7	103
=26	Karl Blattner	2	182	0	182 + Nov	7	110
=26	Martin Fooks	3	182	0	182 + Nov	7	110
28	Peter Shaw	2	177	9	168 + Nov	9	124
29	Kevin Ferry	2	153	0	153 + Nov	7	139
30	Mark Nicholson	2	146	0	146 + Nov	6	146
31	Stuart Andrews	3	141	8	133 + Nov	8	159
32	Stephen Bentley	2	137	0	137 + Nov	7	155
=33	Sean Wynne	1	109	0	109 + Nov	5	183
=33	John Howard	3	109*	7	102 + Nov	9	190
35	James Little	3	98	0	98 + Nov	4	194
36	Jeff Winters	3	69	0	69 + Nov	3	223