

Picks for Byron Nelson

The players picked here may or may not be the best players in the world. The players chosen either are playing decently going into the event or have a decent record at the Byron Nelson. As indicated on the spreadsheet, most of the field is made up of players ranked outside the top 150 in the world rankings.

KJ Choi – Hard to argue against a player who has a win and 4 consecutive top 10s in his last 4 starts. Just a judgment call on whether he can win 2 in a row and it's an event he hasn't played at in 4 years.

Jason Day – Won the Nelson last year and is playing solid coming into the event this year. His trend seems to be going in the opposite direction though by having 3 top 10s in a row then falling back to 31st in his last event, the Colonial.

Jason Dufner – He's been playing solid golf lately and players who have a couple of top 10s followed by a missed cut sometimes bounce back with a win.

Brian Gay – Seems to have a decent record at the Nelson with a couple of top 10s and is playing okay lately. Chosen more for his record at this event than his recent finishes.

Charley Hoffman – Hoffman is coming off a 26th finish after a missed cut. This indicates a trend in the right direction. He also has a decent record at the Nelson.

Dustin Johnson – tough pick based on his last 5 events as he only had 1 top 10 and that was a European Tour event in Asia. But his record here is pretty good with 2 top 10s in the last 2 years.

Sunghoon Kang – Outside 150 OWGR player. He lost in a playoff at the Nationwide Tour event last week. The loss may be a confidence builder and a stepping stone toward better PGA Tour finishes.

Chris Kirk – After missing a few cuts in a row he finished 16th last week. It's a good little trend, maybe he's found something in his swing and can break through at the Nelson.

Sean O'Hair – Back to back top 20s after 5 missed cuts in a row could mean he's found his game and is ready to pick up another win for himself.

Rod Pamplung – A few decent finishes over his past few starts and a fairly decent record at the Nelson could portend a good week for him.

Rory Sabbatini – He's a trending player 26th finish at the Players, 16th finish last week, plus he won the Nelson 2 years ago and he has a victory this year already as well.

John Senden – Another player who is trending and seems to play the course well.

Nick Watney – Finished 4th at the Players', his last start, hasn't played the Nelson in a couple of years, but he's become one of the best players in the world and could really win any week.

Brett Wetterich – He's playing solid golf on the Nationwide Tour with a win earlier this year. He's basically trying to make it back to the PGA Tour after going through some injuries and losing his card. He won this event in 2006. He's probably the best "long shot" in the field.