

Bridgestone picks 2011

The players picked here may or may not be the best players in the world. The players chosen either finished in the top 20s or better in recent events or finished in the top 20s or so at previous WGC Bridgestone tournaments.

Dustin Johnson – Johnson has 3 top 10 finishes in his previous 5 tournament starts. He seems to be hitting his stride and he's improved in each of his previous 2 starts at Bridgestone.

Lee Westwood – Westwood is one of the hottest players right now with top 15 finishes in 4 of 5 previous starts. He missed the cut at the Open Championship, but has 2 top 10s at Bridgestone.

Charl Schwartzel – Schwartzel seems to always pick up his game and get into the top 10 or so at big events, he didn't play well at this event last year, but he is a big time player.

Hunter Mahan – Mahan hasn't exactly lit it up over the past month or so, but he wasn't lighting it up last year either and he won, which gave him 3 top 10s in a row at Bridgestone.

Graeme McDowell – McDowell has improved his finish at each of his last 3 starts at Bridgestone and he seems to be on a trend of better finishes lately.

Stewart Cink – Cink has played this event well in the past with a 6th place finish in '09 and a 2nd in '06.

Bill Haas – Haas played well last week at the Greenbrier, perhaps he can follow it up with another strong finish, possibly a win.

Sean O'Hair – O'Hair won the Canadian Open 2 weeks ago and finished 5th at last year's Bridgestone. It's just difficult to overlook those 2 stats.

Zach Johnson – Johnson has posted solid finishes in his last 5 starts with no cuts. And he has 3 top 20 finishes in his previous 5 starts at Bridgestone.

Steve Stricker – Stricker is one of the hottest players in the world right now with 2 wins in his last 5 events played. And, he has 2 top 10s in his last 2 starts at Bridgestone.

Others to consider:

Ryan Moore, Padraig Harrington, Peter Hanson, Sergio Garcia, Rickie Fowler, Ernie Els, Jason Day, Nick Watney, Bubba Watson