

The Open Championship 2011 picks

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 20 at The Open Championship over the past 5 years.

Luke Donald – Donald won his last event played, he has 2 wins in his last 3 starts to go along with an 11th place finish at last year's Open Championship and a 5th in 2009.

Rory McIlroy – McIlroy is coming off a win at the US Open and a 3rd place finish at the Open Championship last year.

Steve Stricker – Stricker has 2 wins and a 19th place finish in his last 3 starts. He and Luke Donald are the hottest players on the planet right now.

Lee Westwood – Westwood has top 15 finishes in his last 5 events played. And, he has 2 top 5 finishes in his previous 2 Open Championships.

Retief Goosen – Goosen has finished inside the top 25 in each of his last 5 events played and he has top 25 finishes in his last 5 Open Championships played.

Martin Kaymer – Kaymer is on a trend of higher place finishes over the past 3 events he's played. And he had a top 10 finish at the 2010 Open Championship.

Charl Schwartzel – Schwartzel is on a trend similar to Kaymer in addition to a top 15 finish at the 2010 Open Championship.

Nick Watney – Watney won the last tournament he played in, the ATT National event and he has played progressively better in each of his Open Championship starts.

Sergio Garcia – Garcia has back to back top 10 finishes in his last 2 starts and 3 top 15 finishes in his previous 5 Open Championship starts.

Henrik Stenson – Stenson is on a trend similar to Kaymer and Schwartzel, also, Stenson finished 3rd in 2010 at the Open Championship, 13th in 2009 and 3rd in 2008.

Others to consider:

Matt Kuchar, Adam Scott, Graeme McDowell, Dustin Johnson, Webb Simpson, Jason Day, Peter Hanson, Paul Casey, Bo Van Pelt, Charles Howell III, Ernie Els