

## Shell Houston Picks 2012

The Shell Houston picks are based on recent performance and historical performance at the event. Picks can be verified by checking out the statistics page on the web site.

**Steve Stricker** – Stricker has only played 4 times this year, but he's already posted a win and 2 top 10 finishes. Stricker also has 2 top 10s at the Shell over the past 5 years.

**Lee Westwood** – Westwood has 3 top 10s in his last 4 starts this year and 2 top 15 finishes at Shell over the past 3 years.

**Hunter Mahan** – Mahan is a bit of a horse for a course here at Shell as he's posted 3 top 10 finishes in the past 5 years played. He also has a win this year.

**Keegan Bradley** – In the past 5 tournaments Bradley played this year he's yet to finish outside the top 20. Last year he finished 51<sup>st</sup> at the Shell, but he's done pretty well since.

**Phil Mickelson** – Mickelson is the defending champ at the Shell, he has a win already this year and a playoff 2<sup>nd</sup> place as well.

**Graeme McDowell** – McDowell seems to have found some semblance of form as he's finished in the top 10 in 2 of his 3 starts coming into this event.

**Charl Schwartzel** – Although Schwartzel missed the cut in his previous start, he'd back to back top 5 finishes beforehand. And, 2 years ago he finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Shell.

**Padraig Harrington** – Harrington is on a bit of a trend over the past 2 events played and he posted a top 10 at the Shell tourney last year.

**Ernie Els** – Els is on a bit of a roll with 2 top 5 finishes over his last 2 tournaments played. However, since 2009, he's finished worse each successive year played at the Shell.

**Anthony Kim** – Kim isn't exactly lighting it up this year, it's just difficult to overlook his win at the Shell in 2010, a 13<sup>th</sup> place finish last year, and a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish at the Shell in 2007. He'd be a bit of a known dark horse pick.

Others to consider, in no particular order:

**Henrik Stenson, Johnson Wagner, Chad Campbell, Kevin Stadler, Jason Bohn, Graham DeLaet, Ben Curtis, Brian Harman, Kyle Stanley, Chris Stroud, Sean O'Hair.**