

The Masters Picks 2012

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Tiger Woods – Woods may be the top pick for the Masters for the next decade. His record just over the past 5 years, without a win, makes him a favorite. (4 top 5 finishes and a 6th place finish in '09 over the past 5 years).

Phil Mickelson – Mickelson has 3 top 10s over his past 5 tourneys played, including a win. Mickelson has also won the Masters 3 times.

Rory McIlroy – McIlroy is one of the hottest players on the planet right now with 5 top 5 finishes in a row coming into the Masters, including a win. He played Augusta National well last year for 3 rounds, but finished tied for 15th, perhaps he could better that finish this year.

Luke Donald – Donald is coming off a win at the Transitions tourney where he reclaimed his number one player in the world ranking. Donald finished 4th at Augusta last year, but he's also missed the cut twice and finished 38th over the past 4 years played at the Masters. However, he does seem to have regained his form from last year.

Lee Westwood – Westwood is on a bit of a trend of better finishes, 29th to 21st, which followed 3 top 10s in a row. Westwood also finished 2nd at Augusta in '10 and 11th last year.

Bubba Watson – Once again Bubba makes this picks list due to his recent consistency. It may be a reach, but it almost seems he's hungry for a win. He doesn't have a great record at Augusta, but perhaps his game of late can translate better than it has in the past.

Justin Rose – Rose is on a slight trend coming off a win just 3 starts ago, he followed up his win with a 29th finish and a 15th at his last event played. Rose finished 11th at Augusta last year and he seems ready for a breakthrough major win.

Charl Schwartzel – Schwartzel is defending champion, so he deserves a spot on the pick list. He's posted a couple of top 10 finishes over his last 5 starts, but comes into the Masters having missed 2 cuts in a row.

Martin Laird – Laird is on a trend with a 36th place finish at his last start and he missed the cut in the tourney prior. Laird also finished 20th last year at Augusta, his first Masters.

Jim Furyk – Furyk has regained some of his form from '10 after a self proclaimed disappointing '11 season. He finished 11th in his most recent start and 2nd in his start prior to that. Also, Furyk finished 24th last year at Augusta and 10th in '09. He can play well at the Masters, it's just a matter of whether he does...

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Adam Scott – Scott finished 2nd at Augusta last year and 18th in '10. Scott is also coming into the Masters on a bit of a trend.

Others to consider, in no particular order:

Jason Dufner, Geoff Ogilvy, Henrik Stenson, Robert Karlsson, Edoardo Molinari, Brandt Snedeker, Jason Day, K.J. Choi, Bo Van Pelt.