

US Open Picks 2012

US Open 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. Others to consider are based on other various factors, stats, trends, etc.

Tiger Woods – Woods is coming off a win at the Memorial and he has 4 top 10s in a row over the past 4 times he's played at the US Open. Also, he's Tiger Woods.

Lee Westwood – Westwood, like Woods is also coming off a win, but Westwood's win was in Europe, McDowell won his previous start before winning the US Open at Pebble Beach in 2010. Plus, Westwood has played better in each of his US Open appearances over the past 5 years.

Phil Mickelson – Mickelson is almost always in contention at US Opens.

Rory McIlroy – McIlroy is coming off a decent week after missing 3 cuts in a row. He is defending champion though.

Luke Donald – Donald is the number one ranked player in the world, so he almost has to be on a pick list. Aside from that though, he's posted top 15 finishes in his last 4 events played. However Donald doesn't have the best US Open record, his best finish over the past 5 years is 45th.

Dustin Johnson – Johnson won last week at St. Jude's. He's starting to show a bit more consistency in his finishes and if he can bring down his final round scores in majors, then he might just win a few.

Peter Hanson – Hanson is coming off a 3rd place finish last week at the Nordea Masters in Sweden and he's posted progressively better finishes in each of his last US Open's played – with a top 10 finish last year, a 16th place finish in 2010 and 18th in 2009.

Charl Schwartzel – Schwartzel has been steady over his last 4 events played with finishes all inside the top 20. Plus, he's South African, majors (esp. US Opens) seem to be in their DNA.

Bubba Watson – Prior to Watson's missed cut at the Memorial, Watson was the model of consistency, if he can regain that consistent form, he could win or finish top 10 easy.

Jonathan Byrd – Byrd has top 15 finishes in his last 4 events played, 3 top 10s. As opposed to stats, it's more a played alongside Glover at Clemson, Byrd's should figure, if Glover can do it, then he can too.

Others to consider, in no particular order:

Justin Rose, Louis Oosthuizen, Matt Kuchar, Bo Van Pelt, Jim Furyk, Hunter Mahan, Nicholas Colsaerts, George Coetzee, Sergio Garcia, Kyung-Tae Kim, Graeme McDowell, Rickie Fowler, Lucas Glover, Martin Kaymer