

Bay Hill Picks 2012

The Bay Hill 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.

Tiger Woods – Woods has won here a few times and played well recently, however, he withdrew from his most recent event, citing injury. He could be a bit of a risk as a pick.

Sergio Garcia – Garcia is on a trend finishing 60th and then 16th in his last 2 events played, he also has 2 top 10s in 3 previous starts at Bay Hill.

Justin Rose – Rose finished 3rd at Bay Hill last year and he has 2 top 10s in his last 3 starts, including a win.

Jim Furyk – Furyk is on a bit of a trend with a 2nd place finish at last week's Transitions. Furyk also finished 9th at Bay Hill last year and 11th in 2010.

Ernie Els – Els won at Bay Hill 2 years ago and seems to be regaining a bit of his older form in notching top 10 finishes after finishing 5th last week at the Transitions.

Martin Laird – Laird won Bay Hill last year, thus earning a place on this list. Although Laird's recent finishes don't make him a compelling choice, he should have some confidence based on winning last year.

Bubba Watson – Watson appears to have crossed some threshold of consistency, he has a top 20 finish in 9 straight starts going back to the Australian Open in 2011. Although he's missed the cut at Bay Hill in 3 of 5 starts, he also finished 24th last year and 8th in 2008.

Webb Simpson – Simpson will be a top 10 machine this year and get a couple of wins as well. It's just a matter of picking the weeks where he will win, but he won't hurt as a pick in pretty much any event he tees it up.

Spencer Levin – Levin is on a trend, he's finished 52, 34 and 21 over his last 3 events played. It's the final rounds that are a concern. Finishing 6th in his first start at Bay Hill last year was a great finish, not so great, his final round 76 – shooting even on that day would have won the tourney.

Others to consider, in no particular order:

Jeff Overton, K.J. Choi, Sean O'Hair, Bill Haas, Brandt Snedeker, Brandt Jobe, Ryo Ishikawa, Jason Dufner, Brian Davis, Hunter Mahan, Charles Howell III, Chris Stroud, Graeme McDowell, Phil Mickelson, Kevin Na.