Northern Trust Picks 2012

The Northern Trust 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. Deep field this week, it's one of the tougher ones to pick from.

Phil Mickelson — Mickelson won back to back here in '08 and '09. Plus he's coming off a win at Pebble last week.

Kevin Na — Na posted 2 top 5 finishes in his 2 most recent events. He also finished in the top 10 last year here at Riviera and the year prior as well.

Dustin Johnson – Johnson has a couple of top 10 finishes at this event and finished 5th last week at Pebble.

Sergio Garcia — Garcia finished in the top 15 in 4 of his last 5 starts, including a win. He hasn't played in this event since '08, but he did post a top 10 here in '07.

Keegan Bradley – Bradley finished inside the top 25 in all 4 of his starts this year. He could make it a breakthrough week for a win.

Spencer Levin – Levin has back to back top 10 finishes coming into Riviera this week and he finished 12th in his only start here last year.

Kyle Stanley – Stanley is making his Riviera debut, however, he won his debut at the Waste Management tourney. Plus he's finished 2nd and 1st in his last 2 starts – which is pretty good.

Gary Woodland – Woodland is on a trend.

Luke Donald — Not the strongest start, finishing 48th in his first tourney of '12, but he's finished in the top 10 at Riviera 3 of the last 5 years. Plus he's the number 1 ranked player in the world.

Aaron Baddeley – Baddeley because he's on a trend and he won here last year.

Others to consider:

Brandt Snedeker, John Rollins, Bubba Watson, Padraig Harrington, K.J. Choi, Jason Dufner, Robert Allenby, Jason Day, J.B. Holmes, Bill Haas, Adam Scott, Jimmy Walker, Kevin Stadler,