## The Open Championship Picks 2013

The Open Championship 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 the favorite.

**Henrik Stenson** – Stenson is one of the few players with back to back top 10 finishes coming into The Open. Stenson also has 2 top 5 finishes at The Open over the past 5 years.

**Bill Haas** – Haas backed up his win at ATT National with a top 10 finish at Greenbrier. Last year Haas finished 19<sup>th</sup> at the Open, an improvement from 57<sup>th</sup> in 2011 and missed cut in 2010.

**Ernie Els** – Els has a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish and a win in 2 of his last 3 events played and he is the defending champion.

**Dustin Johnson** – Johnson is on a trend heading into The Open and he's finished in the top 15 at this event for the past 3 years straight.

**Graeme McDowell** – Seems like feast or famine with McDowell, he's missed 3 cuts over his last 5 events played and won twice. McDowell finished 5<sup>th</sup> at last year's Open.

**Nicholas Colsaerts** – Colsaerts is on a trend and finished 8<sup>th</sup> in his most recent event played, he finished 7<sup>th</sup> at The Open last year.

**Adam Scott** – Scott finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at The Open last year and won The Masters earlier this year for his first major. His most recent finishes aren't all too impressive 45<sup>th</sup> and 57<sup>th</sup>, however, he should be a contender for another major title.

**Phil Mickelson** – Mickelson won the Scottish Open last week and has 2 second place finishes in 3 events played prior to the Scottish, including 2<sup>nd</sup> at the US Open. Mickelson finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at The Open in 2011.

**Justin Rose** – Rose has top 15 finishes in his last 3 events played, including a win at the US Open. However, his best finish at The Open is 13<sup>th</sup> in 2009.

Others to consider, in no particular order:

Charl Schwartzel, Bubba Watson, Rory McIlroy, Ian Poulter, Luke Donald, Brandt Snedeker, Brooks Koepka, Jason Day, Rickie Fowler, Sergio Garcia, Martin Kaymer, Thomas Bjorn.