



## Strategy Session Video

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Scott from StockMarketMentor.com delivered his strategy session for Tuesday, June 17, 2025, emphasizing that despite ongoing market volatility due to Middle East tensions and uncertainty ahead of the FOMC meeting, many stocks are holding up well. The S&P 500, QQQ, and IWM all closed under their 8-day EMAs with some late-day selling, signaling a “risk-off” tone, but broader uptrends remain intact. Scott advised staying open-minded, noting that historically, markets tend to recover from geopolitical shocks and that pullbacks near key moving averages could present buying opportunities—especially in strong stocks.

Gold, silver, and miners are holding key levels, with silver leading recently. He also discussed setups in semiconductors, crypto, and defense stocks, and reiterated the importance of watching the dollar, yields, and VIX for signals of sentiment shifts. Scott encouraged thoughtful planning, using moving averages for structure, and highlighted key stocks like AMD, Amazon, Google, Meta, Microsoft, Robinhood, Palantir, JP Morgan, FLEX, MSTR, and several gold miners, all showing potential setups worth watching.

### Next Steps:

1. Traders to watch SPY, QQQ, and IWM for follow-through or bounce near key moving averages; avoid aggressive moves ahead of FOMC decision.
2. Monitor gold, silver, and miners (GDX, AEM, PAAS, KGC) for continuation setups or pullback buys near the 8/21/50-day MAs.
3. Track semiconductors (SMH) and key names like AMD for consolidation and breakout potential after recent volatility.
4. Watch BTC and MSTR for support at key levels; potential bounce setups if key lows hold.
5. Monitor the U.S. dollar and 10-year yield for trend shifts; continued strength could pressure risk assets.
6. Note the VIX back above the 200-day MA; potential intraday bounce trades if it spikes to prior resistance levels.
7. Keep alerts on names like Amazon (21,840), Meta (70,840), Robinhood (77.80), and JP Morgan (above 262) for breakout entries.
8. FLEX, KTOS, and PLTR showing strong trend behavior—watch for pullback buys or continuation on volume.
9. Use Telegram for real-time headlines during FOMC and manage risk accordingly.
10. Stay patient, flexible, and prioritize setups with defined risk and favorable technical structure.

### Transcript:

0:00: Hey everyone, good evening, it's Scott at Scottrade's on X with your strategy session.

0:06: It's Tuesday, June 17th, 2025.

0:09: I hope you had a great day.

0:10: Definitely a volatile one here in the market.

0:13: We had Sy close under the 8 day exponential period moving average for the 2nd time in just a couple of days.

0:20: Now, of course, this is coming on the heels of drama and conflict in the Middle East, and the market is trying to grapple with what that means.

0:29: Now, historically, as bad as it sounds, typically conflict tends to resolve to the upside eventually.

0:37: So I would just be open-minded about buying bounces and buying dips in stocks that are in and around key moving averages, and I wouldn't overthink it, especially if you have a long-term time horizon.



0:50: Now we do have the FOMC tomorrow.

0:52: Fed Chair Powell will probably comment, like a little on the situation.

0:56: But probably not offer too much clarity.

0:59: The market as it stands right now is looking for a rate cut in September, and then I think another one after that, but most of the rate cuts are being pushed out to 2026.

1:11: Now, that's actually a good thing because that means that the economy is still holding up strong and the Fed doesn't have to do anything.

1:18: If they don't want to.

1:19: Now I know that there are calls from a lot of people saying, well, they should just cut interest rates, but in my opinion, they're not going to do that unless they have to, and that's kind of what the Fed does.

1:29: They don't act until they absolutely have to, and that way they can't be blamed, I guess, if something goes wrong.

1:37: Not really sure why, but that's what they do.

1:39: So we'll watch for a reaction to Fed Chair Powell's presser tomorrow and the interest rate decision.

1:45: If you aren't on the SMM telegram, you should definitely get on the telegram.

1:49: We typically post headlines like that, as they happen through the Telegram channel.

1:53: So no matter where you are, you can get them pushed to your phone.

1:58: So, Spy closing under the eight day exponential, did it on higher than average volume, bit of a sell into the close, and again, selling on high volume, not a great day, to be honest.

2:09: it was kind of a risk-off day for me.

2:10: I, I ended up closing out a bunch of spec positions, and now just waiting for things to firm up.

2:16: QQQ also closing under the 8 day, but keep things in mind, we are consolidating near the highs on both of the major indexes, whether it's queues, spy, It's still just consolidation near the highs, not a terrible thing.

2:31: Even if we do pull back, I'm expecting those pullbacks to be buyable because there is so much money on the sidelines and, as I mentioned, conflict, regardless of how bad it is, how we may disagree with it, or sometimes how we agree with it.

2:47: What, you know, whatever it was, I, you know, I'm not thinking of anything specifically, just general conflict.

2:52: It does tend to resolve to the upside, eventually.

2:55: IWM closing under the eight day exponential.

2:58: Not a great look here, rejected at the 200 day.

3:02: Just need some strength, and again, we'll watch to see where this thing lands if we do get further downside.

3:08: Now, one thing I was a bit surprised about today is the fact that gold isn't rallying despite news that the conflict in the Middle East is still going on and, and despite news that it might escalate even further than what it is right now.

3:23: That said, gold, holding up above the 8 day exponential.

3:26: This could be a near-term buy opportunity, tight risk reward in and around the 21 day, 50 day just, you know, depending on your size.



3:33: But this is definitely one to watch.

3:35: That said, silver has been outshining gold, and we'll look at that here in just a second.

3:40: Gold miners holding the eight day exponential.

3:43: We'll look at a handful of gold miners here today.

3:45: Trend is still fine.

3:46: And you typically do want to buy this close to the moving averages, so I don't think it's doing anything wrong here on GDX or GDXJ, which is also just in and around the 8 day exponential.

3:58: As I've been saying for a long time, you typically do want to buy these things close to the moving averages, small, and then when they start to reward you, that's where you lean into that trade a little more.

4:11: Silver is starting to break out and again outshining gold for the first time.

4:15: In a while, silver had been a bit of a laggard trade.

4:18: We talked about this downward sloping trend line at the end of May and at the beginning of June.

4:23: Nice breakout, nice follow through, and now it's still going.

4:26: It is a bit extended here above all the key moving averages, so unless you're long, I don't really think you can do anything with it unless you have a small position with a stop rate under today's intraday low.

4:36: If we do see a resolution to the Middle East conflict sooner than expected, probably see the medals.

4:43: Start to cool off, that could be ultimately good for risk assets, like the semiconductors, which kind of got rejected near the highs.

4:50: This is coming back up to some pretty key levels here.

4:54: We see it in and around some of the 20 early 2025 highs and above a lot of the 2024 chop.

5:02: Now, don't love the downside move here, don't love the rejection, but it's kind of just following the market right now.

5:09: So I would just be patient.

5:10: And have an alert on this at around 265 45 and then look for a move above that level coming on volume or a pull back to one of these moving averages.

5:20: The look on this and how steep the rise has been to this resistance level kind of tells me that we need a couple days or weeks of consolidation, which again would actually be quite healthy for this chart.

5:32: Bitcoin.

5:34: Actually tested the 50 day moving average today and bounced a bit.

5:37: Now it's down to 104.3, as I'm recording this video right now, and we can see BTC via II is at 5928.

5:45: I still think it just needs to hold above this low here from Thursday, June 5th.

5:50: That is a pretty key level.

5:51: If it does break under there, then maybe we have a buy opportunity down near the 50 day moving average, which again, I think could ultimately resolve to the upside.

6:00: The dollar a bit stronger today.



6:02: Now this is something that actually caught my attention on Friday because that's really when a lot of the conflict in the Middle East started.

6:10: And the US dollar didn't really do anything.

6:12: I mean, it went up a bit, but not nearly as much as I thought it would.

6:15: That said, we did get some upside follow through today.

6:18: If this starts to break out of this down trend, then that's probably not gonna be good for risk assets, but it's something we're watching.

6:26: We might get a bit of a short squeeze here, as a lot of people have been bearish the dollar for quite some time, as you can tell, via this chart.

6:34: The 10 year is back near the 50 day moving average, of course, uncertainty is the the buzzword for today.

6:41: I mean, you could probably have a, have a drinking game with your friends every time you turn on Bloomberg and someone says, uncertainty.

6:49: Take a drink.

6:50: Uncertainty is is the word that everyone's using.

6:52: I turned on Bloomberg for a minute today and it's like all the time, oh, the uncertainty, the tariff uncertainty, this uncertainty, blah blah blah.

6:59: Ultimately, money will find its way back into the market.

7:02: It's just a matter of time.

7:03: We're just seeing a bit of a consolidation period here on the 10 year, but honestly, it doesn't look like it really wants to break down just yet.

7:11: So we'll be watching to see if there's a reaction to this tomorrow during the Fed meeting.

7:16: Vicks close near the high of the day.

7:18: That's not great.

7:19: It's back above the 200 day moving average.

7:21: I do want to point out this gap, this upside gap here at around 36.

7:25: If it really hits the fan and we get to move up to 36, ultimately, I kinda think that might be a good buying opportunity, but we'll watch to see if it gets there.

7:34: If this does seem Upside, watch for this to get hit in and around the 50 day moving average.

7:40: That could be, again, for bottom fishers, could be an opportunity to, take a little day trade if we do get an intraday bounce.

7:47: Again, I, you know, I'm kind of thinking forward, but that's how I like to think about the market.

7:51: I like to think of, OK, if the VIX does come up here, that's a logical level where it should get rejected.

7:57: It got rejected there before and for day traders, that could be a good time to watch for some day trades to put on.

8:04: And then we see that volatility compressed, etc.

8:07: etc.



8:07: So we'll watch to see if that does even happen, but notable, it is back above the 200 day moving average.

8:14: Let's look at a handful of stocks here.

8:15: As I mentioned, semiconductors, they're holding up OK.

8:19: AMD had a really nice day here yesterday, unable to follow through today, a bit of a rejection candle, but the fact that this is back above and holding, at least for now above the 200 day moving average, I think bodes well for potentially a near-term trend change.

8:33: But that said, if we do see further downside in the market, I wouldn't be surprised to see this kind of come in.

8:38: Around this area and consolidate.

8:41: But again, that would give these moving averages a chance to catch up and ideally stack on top of each other.

8:46: That's typically the best kind of setup that I that I like where we have, you know, let's say the 50 day here, and then the 21 day here, and they're all just kind of in a line and you can use them if they're stacked close together like this, it's kind of like a hard floor, right?

9:01: And, and you can see these.

9:03: Moving average stacks play out over and over and over again.

9:06: Typically, when there is a base, being developed, there's one right there, you know, something like this, you know, if we could see this happen, where, let's say we get rejected at the 200 day moving average, pulls back into the MA's, but then what happens is, you know, if we get a little base like this, that would be great.

9:24: And then, what do you want to look for?

9:26: A move above, coming on good volume.

9:28: And then there's your risk right around those moving averages.

9:31: So that's what I would like to see here coming up.

9:33: I'd like to see this thing kind of settle up a bit, just, you know, it's been, it's been quite volatile.

9:38: It's either going down in a straight line or up in a straight line.

9:41: So, it's been just a hard trade, in my opinion, so I'd like to see this tied down.

9:45: Probably gonna take a couple of weeks to do that, but that's something that I would look for here on AMD.

9:50: Amazon, above all the key moving averages.

9:52: I mentioned this one this morning.

9:53: Still looking for a break above 21,840.

9:56: That would take us up above that level coming on volume.

9:59: We'll see, again, depending on what happens in, you know, in the market and, and whatnot, but, I, I like that alert for a potential breakout here for momentum traders.

10:10: Google, holding down to the 88 EMA, bit of a short flag here.

10:14: It's still in an up trend.

10:15: It's above all the moving averages, resistance here at 181.

10:20: But again, you got a bit of a, a tight flag there.



10:23: It's not great.

10:24: I don't love this pattern, but I do see it holding up above the 8 day.

10:27: I think that that's what matters.

10:29: But maybe for near term swing traders, day traders, maybe get a swing back up to 180 for a near term test resistance, but we're gonna have to see the market cooperate for that to happen.

10:41: Meta basing here.

10:42: I did read that Zuckerberg did sell a handful of shares, not a lot, only \$20 million worth, which I know I'm saying only \$20 million but evidently he has way more than that, as we would imagine.

10:54: So he sold some shares recently, and I mean, what a good trader.

10:57: Did it right near consolidation, right near resistance here.

11:00: So this is still going sideways, not doing anything wrong.

11:03: I'd look for this to get above 70,840.

11:06: So look for that move to happen on meta.

11:08: That's where I have my alert, and you can see it right there.

11:11: Microsoft is still OK.

11:13: It's holding up near the highs, not doing anything wrong, holding up above the 8 day, just kind of going sideways right now.

11:18: This is showing a lot of relative strength.

11:20: If the market was, you know, on the cusp of a big crash, I'd kind of assume we'd see Microsoft close under the 8A, we'd see meta close under the 8A, you know, we'd start to see all these major leaders really break down.

11:35: We're not seeing that yet.

11:36: It might happen.

11:37: We're just not seeing it right now.

11:38: So definitely just want to be open-minded despite some of the noise and volatility in the market right now.

11:45: Here's Robin Hood ticker, HOOD consolidating after a nice move off that 50 day moving average.

11:51: I would have an alert on Robin Hood at 7780.

11:55: You can see I have one set there.

11:56: I look for a move above 7780, coming on volume.

12:00: Pallant here, holding above the eight day exponential period moving average.

12:04: You can see this level of resistance that I was looking at the other day.

12:07: It got above, held above, did it on good volume, and right now it's not doing anything wrong.

12:12: So keep an eye on this for a potential pullback by either to the 8 day, 21 day, or 50 day as long as this trend is up, and it has been for a while.

12:21: I think you'll want to look for pullback by opportunities.



12:24: JP Morgan is on Dan's active trade list.

12:27: I actually think this is still actionable here.

12:29: It's going sideways, not doing anything wrong, and JP Morgan is actually getting interested in blockchain technology.

12:36: Evidently they are going to be talking to the SEC about putting stocks on blockchain, which is something That Coinbase announced that they want to do as well.

12:44: So, definitely an interesting play here, holding near the eight-day EMA right now, support down near the 21 day.

12:50: You can see how I have that laid out.

12:52: So if you missed this entry, the dance sent out the other day, I actually think you can still buy it right here right now.

12:57: Stop down near the 21 day or at 262 for a hard stop on JP Morgan.

13:04: Someone in the forum mentioned flex.

13:06: This is ticker, F L E X.

13:09: Nice short bass here in an uptrend, basing, going above the base, doing it on heavier than average volume.

13:15: This is a nice chart here and definitely one to, you know, take action on if you did today.

13:20: I know someone did in the form today.

13:22: I think it's a bit extended above the 8 day right now, but look at the hourly chart here.

13:25: Hourly trend is just fine, and the hourly volume is beautiful.

13:29: So again, despite the market volatility, we're still seeing that risk appetite in some of these stocks.

13:35: Keep an eye on this for a potential pullback buy.

13:37: I think if you're in flux right now, maybe you want to add with a move above today's intraday high in and around \$46.

13:47: Here's micro strategy, ticker MSTR.

13:49: MSDR bouncing off the 50 day moving average today.

13:53: It was a bit of a sloppy, pattern lately, just chopping in and around the 21 day, no real direction, just going sideways.

14:01: Nice to see it hold near the 21 day.

14:03: If we do break down.

14:04: Down under this flag, then I'm looking down here at the 200 day moving average for a potential bounce by.

14:09: No indication that that's gonna happen just yet, but I'd like to plan ahead if it does close under the 50 day MSTX did close under the 50 day, though it too tried to bounce a bit here today.

14:21: Let's look at some gold miners.

14:23: Start things off with Agnico Eagle Mines, ticker AEM.

14:27: AEM in and uptrend, above all the key MA's looking for a move above 12645 on this stock for a potential entry, look for a move through 12645.



14:38: Pan American silver, ticker PAAS.

14:41: This is a silver stock, bit of a high flag or a high pennant here on PAAS.

14:47: You can see the range just tightening, tightening, tightening.

14:50: I think you'll want to watch for a moment to move above 2960 on PAAS or that could be in a place to add to this trade as well.

14:59: If silver keeps going, I think you're gonna get some FOMO coming into the stock.

15:04: Here's Kinross gold, ticker KGC in and up trend above all the key moving averages like all the other gold miners, not doing anything wrong just yet, despite the fact that gold is a bit lackluster today.

15:15: Watch for a move through 1590 here on KGC.

15:19: You can see how it's holding the 8 day EMA.

15:21: You want to see a push through coming on volume.

15:23: I'll set an alert here on my software too.

15:26: And finally, let's take a look at Cratto's defense.

15:30: This is Ticker KTOS.

15:32: Now this is a defensive stock, this is a drone manufacturer from what I understand.

15:37: Accelerated, trend here.

15:39: It is starting to get a bit steep, but the buying hasn't stopped.

15:43: It just hit a new high here today.

15:45: If I zoom out, you can see it's a new all-time high.

15:48: So that's positive for the stocks.

15:49: Stocks that make all-time highs tend to keep making them.

15:52: So keep an eye on this for a potential pullback buy.

15:55: Look at the hourly chart, hourly trend just fine, bit of an hourly flag here.

15:59: Boop, there it is right there, not doing anything wrong.

16:02: So I would keep an eye on this for a pullback buy.

16:05: As long as you know what is still happening, you know where.

16:09: I hope that's helpful, guys.

16:11: Thanks so much for watching.

16:12: I'll see you tomorrow.