



Strategy Session

June 20, 2025

Scott delivered a comprehensive Friday market strategy session, highlighting weakness across major indices (SPY, QQQ, IWM) with all closing below their 8-day EMAs. He noted a lack of market breadth and emphasized caution, advising traders not to hold underperforming positions and to avoid "dead money" in a choppy, low-conviction environment.

Scott discussed the mixed performance of market leaders like Google, Meta, and Amazon, while semiconductors and Nvidia showed relative strength. Despite geopolitical tensions, gold, silver, and the VIX showed muted reactions, suggesting a market that's consolidating rather than pricing in major fear. He framed the current environment as a healthy pause following a sharp V-shaped recovery.

He also reviewed several high-probability setups including Apple, Palantir, Tesla, Robinhood, Coinbase, Circle, MicroStrategy, Ollie's Bargain Outlet, Frontdoor, Block, Five Below, and Kratos Defense, providing entry triggers, stop suggestions, and context for each.

Next Steps:

1. Traders to reduce risk and avoid holding non-profitable trades in this choppy environment.
2. Set alerts on key breakout levels (e.g., \$196 on Apple, \$144.90 on PLTR, \$65 on Block, etc.).
3. Monitor Coinbase, Circle, and Robinhood — all showing strength and included in Dan's active trade list.
4. Watch gold and silver for potential reversals off their 8-day EMAs despite recent underperformance.
5. Prepare for possible geopolitical headlines over the weekend, but don't trade based on fear alone.
6. Use tight risk management and smaller position sizing on any new trades.
7. Stay flexible and open-minded, as market rotation and consolidation may lead to new opportunities next week.

Transcript:

0:00: Hey everyone, good evening.

0:02: It's Scott at Scottrades on Twitter with your strategy session.

0:05: It's Friday, June 20th, 2025.

0:08: I hope you had a great week.

0:10: Definitely a bummer kind of finish to the week here as we closed under the eight day exponential period moving average on Spy, closed under the eight day on the queues, and IWM also closed under the eight days.

0:22: So just some general weakness, and I'm really noticing a lack of market breadth.

0:27: Right now.

0:27: And so that kind of tells me just to be a little bit cautious in terms of trading positions right now.

0:34: If you're not profitable in a position, don't hold that position.

0:38: Look for a better entry on that position.

0:41: And that again just leads to holding dead money or holding money that might, ultimately end up underperforming if we do continue to chop around.



0:51: Now, the thing that leads me to believe that that might be The most probable outcome is the fact that we're seeing stocks like Google, well under the 200 day moving average.

1:01: We're seeing stocks like Metalose under the 8 day.

1:03: We're seeing stocks like Amazon, Week bouncing off the 21 day.

1:08: Now this could ultimately lead to some great buying opportunities, so I don't want to be too negative, but I do want to just pay attention to the fact that a lot of the major stocks that did lead us out of this consolidation are now starting to give back some of their gains significantly.

1:23: Now they're not all giving up gains, but it is a bit of a mixed bag in terms of the patterns on some of these major leaders.

1:31: So just wanna be aware of that, you know, I saw in video today, NVDA under the 8 day for like a cup of coffee, ended up closing above, so this still one, this one still looks OK and semiconductors generally still look OK, well above the 8 day on the close, not too bad at all, even though it did dip under.

1:50: But again, just generally, it feels like we're in for a.

1:53: time and and I just want to be a little more protective any time we have Spy, the Ques, and IWM all under their eight-day exponential period moving averages.

2:04: Now, interestingly enough, even though we might be on the cusp of WW3, we aren't getting a big move here in gold.

2:11: And so that again leads me to believe that, you know what, maybe there will be a resolution sooner than later because if, if the United States getting involved in a Middle East conflict was imminent, You'd think gold would rally and rally hard on that news, but it's not.

2:28: It's just going sideways.

2:30: And I know a lot of people are looking for deep pullbacks in the market, and again, it's not, we're not really getting a deep pullback in the market.

2:36: So you would think that if we are on the cusp of a Middle East conflict, we'd see the market really go risk off, we'd see gold really get going, and we'd see the VIX spike near the highs.

2:50: None of that is happening right now.

2:52: Doesn't mean it can happen, but it's not happening right now.

2:55: So again, just seems like more of a choppy period, more of a consolidation period, at least in the general direction of the market, not a bad thing, actually pretty healthy, especially considering the fact that we did have one of the most hated V-shaped recoveries in history just complete here.

3:14: So gold is just going sideways, not doing anything, but keep an eye on it as it is in and around the 8 day exponential.

3:21: That's typically a good buy bounce opportunity if you do see this start to bounce, maybe give you a good starter opportunity, and then if it does make a new high above 317, maybe you wanna add to that position, gold miners, a bit weak here, GDX under the 88, not really doing much of anything.

3:38: If I look at stocks like EAEM.

3:40: Again, not really doing much of anything.

3:42: Ken Ross Gold, KGC we've talked about this one recently.

3:45: Yeah, it's green, kind of off the low, but didn't close strong at all.



3:50: So it just looks like gold and gold miners, despite the Middle East conflicts, geopolitical stuff and all that, not really rallying right now, which you, you would think would happen, but it's not.

4:01: Now that can change, of course, it can change at the drop of a hat, but we'll have to wait to see if that happens.

4:07: Silver is down under the 8 day.

4:09: At one point, this was near the height of the day, and I thought, oh man, we're gonna get a nice bounce here on silver, even silver underperforming.

4:16: So we might start to see this consolidate and fill some of these gaps to the downside.

4:20: Keep an eye on silver for some bounces under that 21 day EMA.

4:25: I mentioned the semiconductor index, just consolidating near the highs, not doing anything wrong, maybe have an alert on SMH at around 265 45, and then look for a move through, coming on volume.

4:38: Bitcoin, down a bit today, but still above the 50 day moving average and still above this low here from Thursday, June 5th.

4:45: So, Again, Bitcoin, just going sideways, not really doing much of anything.

4:48: If the market was worried about bad things happening, this would be a much deeper pullback.

4:54: And even if I look at Bitcoin right now, it's only down to 1000 bucks today.

4:58: Yeah, it is under the 50 day.

5:00: We want to be cautious about that, but it's only 6% off of the highs here, where it is right now, 6% off the highs.

5:08: That's normal.

5:09: I mean that, you know, what is this?

5:10: A pullback for ants?

5:12: That's nothing.

5:14: So, market doesn't seem really concerned right now in terms of what's going on geopolitically.

5:20: Anything can happen over the weekend, but at least right here, right now, taking everything one day at a time, still looks like just general consolidation after a nice V-shape recovery.

5:31: The dollar still in a down trend, still under most of the key moving averages, but watching for a break higher on the dollar, if we do in fact have some sort of Middle East conflict, you would assume that this breaks out of that channel, not doing it right now, the 10 year back under the 50 day moving average.

5:49: We did have a Fed head speaking today, and I don't remember who it was, I think it was Waller, maybe, and essentially saying, well, we could cut cut rates in July.

5:59: Let's see.

6:00: OK, yeah, let's see.

6:02: But they didn't really say that, during the last Fed meeting.

6:05: So not really sure in terms of, any direction there, any more clarity than what we already have.

6:12: I think the market is pretty clear.

6:13: It does want lower rates.



6:14: We're just not getting it yet because the Fed is now looking forward and, and trying to price in what tariffs look like.

6:21: And so it is a bit of a, it's a bit of a about face for the Fed because at first they said they were data dependent.

6:29: And looking at backward looking data, and all the data that they have now says that inflation is going lower, but now they're thinking forward, saying, OK, well, you know, now we're worried about inflation, we don't want to do anything in case tariffs cause inflation, so let's keep things as they are.

6:46: That's essentially what's going on.

6:48: Is that the right move?

6:49: I don't know.

6:50: But, you know, this is their job.

6:51: It's our job not to care.

6:52: It's our job just to trade and make money in the market.

6:54: So just want to be aware of what they're saying, why they're saying it, and whether or not the market agrees.

7:00: We'll see.

7:00: 10 year.

7:02: Look, it's just going sideways.

7:03: It's just going sideways, guys.

7:05: It's been going sideways since 2022.

7:07: So no real direction here.

7:09: You know, I don't see a big spike in this anytime soon.

7:12: Again, unless maybe we get a conflict in the Middle East that gets out of control.

7:18: The VIX is above the 200 day moving average, but it did still close red today.

7:23: Just want to be aware of that, with it is, with it being above the 200 day moving average, if we get some spikes up on volatility, ultimately that could be a good long-term buy opportunity.

7:32: There's still a gap up here at around 36, 35, 36 area, which if we do get a spike up, again, I think that that could be a good buy.

7:41: So keep an eye on volatility, but the fact that we are above the 200.

7:45: Moving average, and we didn't close near the lows.

7:48: Again, just speaks to uncertainty going into the weekend.

7:52: Now, with that said, there's still a lot of things that are very constructive about this market, and so I want to remain open-minded.

7:59: I still wanna have risk on.

8:00: I don't want to be just sitting in cash in in a a sold-out bowl.

8:05: So let's look at a handful of setups here, and you can take these into next week and see if they play out.

8:10: Start things off here with Apple ticker.



8:12: AAPL.

8:14: Apple is in a down trend and below all the key moving averages for the most part, other than the 8 day, 21 day, 50 day, 200 day, well under.

8:23: But look at the downward slipping trend line.

8:24: Clear resistance, clear resistance, clear resistance, bumped up against this here.

8:29: So watch next week for some upside follow through and maybe an entry with a move above that 50 day moving average, and then if you take that, you can use this swing low.

8:40: In and around 194 as a stop loss area on an initial entry.

8:46: Palantir, just going sideways, someone in the stock market mentor forum today asking about an entry on Palantir.

8:54: I don't really see today as a as an entry for a new position or even an ad on a position.

9:00: If I'm adding to something, I wanna add in strength, I wanna follow buyers, and this didn't really give us any of that.

9:07: In fact, yeah, there was a little buying into the clothes, but It's still closed near the lows of the day, still above all the major moving averages.

9:14: So I just look at this as a do-nothing day, no real signal here to take action.

9:19: But if you're looking at this right now, looking for an entry, I would have an alert on PLTR in and around 144.90 or just below, and look for a move above that level coming on volume.

9:33: Tesla is consolidating in and around the 21 day and eight-day EMA.

9:38: Tight little bases here.

9:39: I have an alert on Tesla rate at 33,550.

9:43: I think it makes sense to look for a move above 33,550 coming on volume.

9:48: Robin Hood is on Dan's active trade list, and for good reason, this stock is rocking.

9:52: It's above all the key moving averages, just keeps trending higher.

9:56: Someone asked me about this stock today at Crypto Marcumentor, and I just wrote back, trend is intact, and that's when the stock was at the lows, and look at this recovery here.

10:06: Nice clothes near the end of the day.

10:08: Buyers after the little bit of flush after the market opened.

10:12: Nothing to do here on Robin Hood, just let it work.

10:15: Coinbase also looking great here.

10:17: Dan added Coinbase to his active trade list here on Wednesday.

10:21: , we added it at Crypto Marementor here on Tuesday, and so the whole website is involved in Coinbase, and again, for good reason, look at this move.

10:31: This is a power move on coin coming on heavier than average volume.

10:35: I did add a little Coinbase today.

10:38: You can see that volume into the clothes.



10:39: Mmm, chef kiss.

10:41: Love to see that.

10:42: Nice strong clothes, good.

10:44: and it's following what's happening right now with Circle.

10:48: Now Circle is extended, well above the 8 day EMA.

10:53: Dan mentioned potentially having a stop on Circle right under today's intraday low.

10:58: Now, that is quite low from where it is right now.

11:00: You know, if I'm measuring that just dollar wise, I mean, that's almost \$40.30.

11:05: Almost \$35 from where it is right now, maybe you don't want to give that much back.

11:09: And so, in that case, change things to a 2-hour chart or a 4-hour chart, and then you just use some of the levels here.

11:17: But the reason this stock is going so heavily is because it's the only stablecoin play that you can buy in the stock market right now.

11:27: And I mentioned to my friends at Crypto Market Mentor, it kind of reminds me of Tilray.

11:32: When Tilray, T L R Y Got onto the NASDAQ, it was a big deal because it was the only major pot stock that you could buy, and you can see what happened.

11:46: I mean, the stock just went, it went crazy.

11:49: It doesn't look like it now, but trust me, it went it went crazy at the time.

11:52: At the time it went like up to 300.

11:54: It looks like they've done some splits since then.

11:57: And I mean now it's now it's a penny stock and it's embarrassing, but, The point is that that's one of the reasons CRCL is going so hard is, you know, at the time Tilray was the only like pure play pot stock you could buy on a major exchange, and the same is kind of true right now with Circle, where it's the only pure play stablecoin stock that you can buy on a major exchange.

12:23: The other one would some, you know, PayPal would be another one.

12:26: , and that's only because they do have a, a stable coin, but I mean, this, you know, this has just done nothing since 2022.

12:35: So, you know, if, if I had to pick which one to buy, circle all day long.

12:39: So congrats to everyone who's in Circle.

12:41: If you did buy it with Dan, you're up 100% on that trade.

12:46: Not too shabby, and a great reason to be a member of Stock Markementor.

12:50: OK, let's take a look at another stock that I look at almost every day.

12:54: It's MicroStrategy, Ticker MSTR.

12:57: Just going sideways here on MSTR.

12:59: Hanging around the 50 day moving average, but looking for a move above all the key moving averages coming on volume.



13:06: Now, in 10 days or so, it'll be the end of the quarter, and they may decide on stocks that are going to be in the S&P 500 again.

13:16: And so if, if micro strategy does get into the S&P by chance, I think that the stock's gonna jump, no indication on that right now, but watching for a move above this clear pinching pattern here on MSTR if we break below, then I'm looking down here near the 200 day moving average as a landing pad.

13:36: Dan mentioned Ollie and Ollie's bargain outlet as a potential trade here on Monday.

13:42: He said he was looking at it first thing in the morning, but looked at it at the close and thought, oh, this could be a good stock to buy first thing Monday morning.

13:50: So keep an eye on Ollie.

13:52: You can see resist.

13:53: Dance in and around 12,230, you want to look for a move through 12,230 coming on volume, or a potential pullback bounce off of one of the key moving averages, you can see the 200 day moving average has been long-term support here on Ali.

14:11: Front door FTDR is one that I caught today as I was doing some scanning.

14:16: This stock is back to the scene of the crime.

14:18: You can see where the crime happened right here, a break under the 50 day moving average, and then a big flush following earnings, which brought this stock down nearly 50% off of that level.

14:31: Yeah, just around 40% off of the high here from February.

14:35: We're back to the scene of the crime now, good clothes on volume.

14:38: Keep an eye on this.

14:39: You typically, you know, if you do get a rebound on stocks like this, a lot of times it will test some of the highs.

14:46: So watch for a move above today's intraday high at 5880.

14:51: And look for a swing target up to 6345 on front door.

14:57: So you'll want to see it get above this level, stay above this level, and ideally test some of the previous highs.

15:05: OK, a few more here for you.

15:06: This is block, ticker XYZ.

15:09: Bit of a low flag here on block, clear support down near the 21 day EMA.

15:13: You can see it right there.

15:14: Downer sloping trend line, you wanna see it get above and stay above that downward sloping trend line coming on volume.

15:20: Maybe have an alert on block at around \$65 and then look for that move through coming on volume.

15:25: Here's 5 below, ticker FIVE.

15:29: Try to change the trend.

15:30: You can see how 5 below has been below.

15:33: Pun intended, the 200 day moving average for a lot of the last couple of years, it got above, it's held above, and now it's flagging a bit here too.



15:42: So, same kind of setup as block, down or something trend line resistance, clear support just around that 8 day EMA want to see it get above, stay above, and do it on volume, and then a stop on that would be in and around 120, and then move it to break even as soon as possible.

15:57: You could also set an alert at around 12,660.

16:01: And then look for that move through coming on volume.

16:04: And finally, this is Kratos Defense, Ticker KTOS.

16:09: This is a drone manufacturing stock, and it's in an up trend and above all the key moving averages.

16:14: I mentioned this one last week and said, or sorry, I guess it was earlier this week, but the day off yesterday kind of threw me off.

16:20: I mentioned this one earlier this week with, noting that the Pullbacks to the 8 day EMA remain viable until they're not.

16:29: Today's another example of that.

16:31: Go down to the eight day EMA buyer step in, close it near the highs, watch for a pullback bounce off the key moving averages here on KTOS to get a position, and then look for a move through 4410 to add to that position.

16:47: On a move on volume.

16:49: That's all I got for you today, my friend.

16:51: Thanks so much for watching.

16:52: Have a great weekend.

16:53: I'll see you Monday. 2:02: I'll see you next time.