



## Strategy Session

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Scott from stockmarketmentor.com reviewed the current state of the market, describing it as a heavy, distribution-type environment with major indexes like SPY and QQQ showing weak price action—higher opens followed by lower closes on increased volume. He emphasized the need for caution and patience during such conditions. Scott highlighted Super Micro Computer (Ticker: SMCI) as a stock showing relative strength by reclaiming its 50-day moving average. He pointed out that this move came with higher-than-average volume and through a clear resistance trendline, which could make it actionable if it continues. Scott suggested watching for a follow-through above the \$899 level as a potential trigger for a trend continuation.

### Next Steps:

1. Members to stay cautious and patient during the ongoing heavy market conditions.
2. Traders to look for stocks showing relative strength, like SMCI, during broader market weakness.
3. Investors to monitor SMCI's behavior above its 50-day moving average for confirmation.
4. Traders to set alerts near the \$899 level on SMCI to prepare for potential breakout trades.
5. Members to focus on volume confirmation when evaluating breakout moves.
6. All participants to maintain disciplined risk management while the market remains under pressure.

### Transcript:

0:02: Hey guys, it's Scott at Scott Trades on X with Stock Marketmentor.com, and your strategy session, it's Tuesday, July 15th, 2025.

0:13: I hope you had a great day.

0:15: Kind of an ugly one here in the market with a downside reversal on Spy and a bit of a distribution day because it wasn't just a bit of a sell-off, we had a multi-sector sell-off.

0:28: Financials were down.

0:31: Home builders were down, semiconductors were up, but didn't really go up much.

0:38: We had the gold miners down, we had gold down, IWM down, and so really a bit of a broad-based sell off here, and again, just slight distribution.

0:48: Now, I did mention the other day that I still think you want to be long-term bullish in this market, and we should look for pullbacks.

0:54: But those pullbacks should be bought.

0:57: We don't know when the buyers are gonna show up again, but that's basically what we're looking for.

1:01: We're looking for strength to come back into the market and buyers to show up at certain levels, and we'll see if they show up tomorrow.

1:09: In and around the eight day exponential, if they don't, then we could pull back to the 21 day, and that would be down around 614.

1:17: Now there is still a lot of way to go here.

1:19: We could fall all the way down to 600 if we saw a deeper pullback.



1:23: We do have some more economic data coming tomorrow, and then of course we have the Fed meeting at the end of the month where they are not expected to cut interest rates, but of course we'll look for any guidance from Fed Chair Powell.

1:37: Also important to know, we are in the midst of earnings season.

1:41: Earnings season just kicked off, and we have some, big tech earnings coming up next week.

1:46: I think Tesla actually, but there are some earnings to be aware of.

1:49: So as we get into earnings season, we'll watch for market volatility and churn, but like I said, from a long-term perspective, it's my opinion that you should still be open-minded to buying bounces near clear moving averages.

2:03: QQQ.

2:04: Holding up a little better than the Spy, well above the eight day exponential compared to Spy.

2:10: So this is holding up OK.

2:13: We'll watch to see if this is able to hold up above that 8 day tomorrow.

2:16: IWM pretty ugly breakdown coming on higher than average volume.

2:20: Again, this speaks to, just a just a a bit of a frothiness in the market.

2:25: I mentioned during my Monday webinar that we were at the extreme greed level.

2:31: That's typically a profit-taking level, but again, from a long-term macro perspective, doesn't mean that we won't see higher prices by the end of the year, but it's probably not gonna happen in a straight line.

2:43: So don't be complacent with any positions you have if you are sitting on a good cushion.

2:47: I think it's fine to take partial profits, but really try and hold a core.

2:51: Gold down near the 50 day moving average, we had a bit of a spike in the dollar today and a bit of a spike in the 10 years.

2:58: So we might be getting a near term counter trend rally here in the dollar or maybe even just a relief rally.

3:04: The 10 year had a strong day coming on, off that 50 day moving average here.

3:10: So this looks, again, it looks bullish, which is typically not great for risk assets.

3:16: Semiconductors, as I mentioned, still holding up OK.

3:18: Nvidia's looking good.

3:20: AMD is holding up well.

3:21: We'll look at a handful of semis here.

3:23: Banks, not so much.

3:25: We did have some bank earnings, this morning, and then I think we have more tonight and probably more throughout the week.

3:32: So just be aware of that.

3:33: But this initial move here on the financials, not near term bullish, but again, I'd look for maybe a gap fill in and around the 50 day moving average here on the fins.

3:45: Bitcoin is pulling back to the close to the 8 day exponential period moving average.



3:49: We did have a bit of a sharp pullback here in BTC down under the 8 day exponential.

3:55: We're kinda coming off of that right now, but what we're actually seeing in Bitcoin land is we're seeing some outperformance from Ethereum.

4:03: So keep an eye on ETHA, which is the Ethereum ETF from BlackRock, and it's actually holding up a lot better than Bitcoin right now.

4:11: So we might be getting into a bit of a sector rotation where people are rotating out of BTC and into Bitcoin and some of the alt.

4:20: So keep an eye on, keep an eye on ETHA and some of the Ethereum ETFs for some further upside if we do get that outperformance.

4:31: The VIX is up slightly today just due to some near-term market volatility with the markets closing near the, near the lows, but it's still under the 200 day moving average, so it doesn't look like, you know, any, anything to worry about right here right now.

4:44: If we get a spike in the VIX, probably see a big move down in markets, but that may be caused by something fundamental, not really seeing anything, like that happening here today.

4:54: Amazon is on Dan's active trade list, and it's holding up OK.

4:58: It's chugging up the 8 day exponential, a bit extended here right now, and they do have earnings coming up at the end of the month.

5:04: So, a bit of a hard buy right here right now, but if you're long, I would stay long.

5:08: Just make sure you have a stop in and around the 8 day exponential.

5:12: Microsoft, Mr.

5:13: Softy did make a new high here today.

5:15: They have earnings coming up near the end of the month as well, just kind of riding that 8 day exponential, not doing anything wrong.

5:21: A hard buy here, but if you're long, I think you can stay long.

5:25: Apple has a bit of a low flag.

5:27: I was saying to someone today in the forum that I consider a low pattern anything under the 200 day moving average just because typically it has a low probability to work.

5:40: A lot of times patterns above all the key moving averages are a little more reliant.

5:45: Here under the 200 day moving average, you tend to get a little failure, and we saw that happen today with Apple.

5:51: Now, it does have near-term support around that 21 day EMA.

5:54: I'd look for a move above this flag.

5:57: Coming on volume, we'll see if we get a much more positive reaction to the economic data that we got today.

6:03: Tomorrow, we'll see.

6:06: Tesla, consolidating in and around the cluster moving averages.

6:10: I have an alert here on Tesla, just around 323.



6:14: Look for a move above 323 on Tesla coming on volume, that would bring it back above the 50 day moving average.

6:22: Here's Arista Networks.

6:23: It's sticker ANET.

6:25: Arista Networks, just going sideways near some near-term resistance, still holding up above all the key moving averages.

6:31: They have earnings coming up near the beginning of August, but if the market does churn sideways, I would look for ERISA Networks to base under resistance, and then you want to see if it can break above that level at around 110 and do it on volume.

6:45: So, maybe have an alert on ANET at around 110.

6:51: Nvidia, as I mentioned, looking great.

6:53: If you're long, if you're not long, kind of hard to buy here.

6:56: It has been in an accelerated uptrend, a momentum trend above the 8 day exponential, hasn't closed under the eight day EMA for a couple of months now, and now again been extended.

7:07: I'd look for a gap fill and a bounce to the 8 day to get some started here.

7:11: Their earnings don't come until the end of August, so there's still time.

7:15: Here's AMD, it's also looking really good if you're long.

7:19: Gap up this morning on news on higher than average volume, unable to close near the highs, but still holding the gap.

7:25: So keep an eye on this for a potential pullback to the 8 day exponential.

7:29: I think that's probably a safer entry right here right now.

7:33: same kind of thing with with anything in this market right now.

7:36: If you are not buying near a key moving average, I think it's just a riskier buy due to the market volatility and the pullbacks that we're getting right now and and the breakdowns that we're getting in near term trends.

7:47: So just be aware of that.

7:48: We might be getting into a bit of summertime churn, and a lot of times you can get some failed breakouts on stocks.

7:56: Now, this one is holding up OK, it's just again a riskier buy up here away from near term support.

8:04: Rambis is another semiconductor I've been watching.

8:06: You can see this long-term resistance level.

8:09: We got up to it recently and unable to break through, but I would have an alert on Rambus RMBS right around 6640 and look for a move above 6640 coming on volume that's just above this high from Thursday, July the 3rd.

8:26: SMCI is another semiconductor.

8:28: This one's breaking out of a A bit of a cup and handle pattern.

8:31: You can see I've drawn this out for you, a couple of days ago looking for that move above.

8:36: We got it.



8:36: It held good volume on the day today.

8:39: Again, a bit extended from the moving averages.

8:41: So just in case we do get some further downside in the market might be just a harder buy.

8:47: I'd wait for a pullback to the 8 day on SMCI but definitely one to watch.

8:52: Here's shift.

8:53: Payments, ticker FOUR down or something trend line, bit of a micro flag here, holding in and around the key moving averages.

9:00: Their earnings are coming up, but not till the end of end of July.

9:03: We might get a bit of an earnings run if it can get above and stay above, let's say 104 30 on volume, 10,430 on FOUR and look for a move above and a close above coming on good volume.

9:16: And lastly here, this is Cloudflare, Ticker and ET.

9:21: Their earnings are also coming up at the end of the month.

9:23: I'm watching this channel to see if it can develop into a Bible pattern.

9:27: It's down near the middle of the range right now.

9:30: I think you either want to try some at the bottom of the range or look for a break higher above 196, coming on volume, 196 on cloud flare, ticker NET.

9:43: That's all I got for you today, my friend.

9:44: A bit of a choppy, sloppy session right now.

9:47: And with this being a pretty clear distribution day and broad-based selling across the market where it's not just one sector getting hit, it's kind of all of them.

9:56: I think it just means that we want to be cautious in terms of trying to chase breakouts higher, but open-minded to buying bounces near key moving averages.

10:05: That's all I got for you today.

10:06: I hope that's helpful.

10:07: I'll see you tomorrow.