

Daily "Idealized Trades" ReportTrading Lessons from the Intraday Frame (study)



@ES's 1-min Intraday Chart (Additional Trades)



Bullish Retracement (Dominant Thesis Bullish Trend) Trades #1 and #2 worth up to 5 points.

Final "Bear Flag" or "Cradle" Sell-Swing Retracement worth up to 4 points or roughly 9 @ES points possible today (\$900 / 2 contracts)

Major Companies Reporting Earnings Tomorrow...

Alibaba (BABA), Wal-Mart (WMT)

Economic Reports for Tomorrow...

Initial Jobless Claims (8:30am)

Philly Fed (8:30am)

Industrial Production (9:15am)

E-Commerce Retail Sales (10:00am)

Leading Indicators (10:00am)

Quotes from Last Night's Planning

For Wednesday, we'll have the Fed Minutes released in the afternoon so be ready for it. It's not quite a Fed Day but it may easily have the "ABC" volatility/reaction of a typical Fed Day.

Minutes aside, continue playing the bullish bounce LONG above 2,470 toward the prior high or else a bearish breakdown beneath 2,458 - remain neutral/range-based between these levels.

If you only traded the first two opportunities, you correctly followed our dominant "bullish" thesis as price continued higher. However, we had the Fed Day Minutes - a possible surprise - along with massive negative divergences at the highs, setting the stage for an aggressive reversal (experienced traders only) and the safer "first reaction" or "Cradle Sell" signal #3.

August 14 Power Trenders Strong Stock Scan



We're seeing the NEW top twelve relative strength leaders (via algorithm) in trending markets and the general expectation is to buy retracements or breakouts in these strongly trending names. The logic is that what is strong tends to get stronger (stocks attracting money flow tend to continue attracting additional money flow). Right now these would be the names and thus candidates above for you to do additional research and add these to your stock-scan list for possible inclusion into a swing trading portfolio on pullbacks or outright breakouts.

HOW WE USE THESE STOCKS:

I write the Power-Trending Stock Section for Swing Traders looking for candidates that complex stock scans will likely miss. The scan targets strongly trending stocks and the expectation is that price will continue trending higher, though of course additional analysis is required rather than just buying these names collectively. To participate in these stocks, we typically wait for a pullback/retracement to a rising moving average or Fibonacci/Trendline level to put on a buy/retracement where the stop is trailed under the average. These would be similar to how I describe intraday 'flag' retracements on a developing Trend Day.

FinViz "S&P 500 Performance" View



This chart and sector comparisons are useful two ways:

First, we get a broader sense of what's going on beneath the market subdivided into sectors.

Second, if you trade beyond the S&P 500 or futures/ETFs, you can pinpoint bearish/weak stocks by starting with bearish/weak sectors. The idea is out outperform the market via short-selling a weak stock(s) in weak/bearish sectors on a down trend day (or vice versa).

Swing Trader's Zone: A Neutral Pivot for AMZN



AMZN shares - still uptrending at the moment - face a make-or-break resistance challenge here at the \$980 level and - right now - buyers are FAILING the challenge (sellers are winning). Shares must break through the overlap of the falling 20 and 50 day EMAs or else price is very likely to trade quickly back toward the \$950 prior swing low and major support. An eventual breakout above \$980 suggests buyers will quickly test \$1,000 and then resume the bullish trend above \$1,000. These are your short-term trading points and simple reference pivots.

Planning the 30-min Intraday @ES Futures Chart



We did get our bullish continuation BUT sellers stepped in to reverse the market intraday - classic intraday reversal pattern - and then close it beneath our 2,470 Fibonacci level.

This simply keeps us RANGE NEUTRAL between 2,458 and 2,470; BREAKOUT bullish above 2,470 (green pathway); and "alternate thesis/bull failure" bearish beneath 2,458.

Use this grid as you study your intraday chart and plan your trades once again in terms of the immediate DEPARTURE away from the 2,470 level.

Planning the Next Day (Daily S&P 500 Cash Index)



I drew the "REPEAT PATTERN" for you connecting the April/May pattern to the present play. We had a smaller, less "perfect" pattern play out through June.

More importantly, we've now seen FOUR instances where price dipped a day beneath the rising 50 day EMA and then buyers VIOLENTLY stepped in to support the market, thrusting price each time to new all-time highs. We're on a pathway toward all-time highs for a "pattern repeat" scenario or else an alternate thesis "this time it's different" failure outcome. Today marks NO CHANGE in this scenario or planning for the moment.