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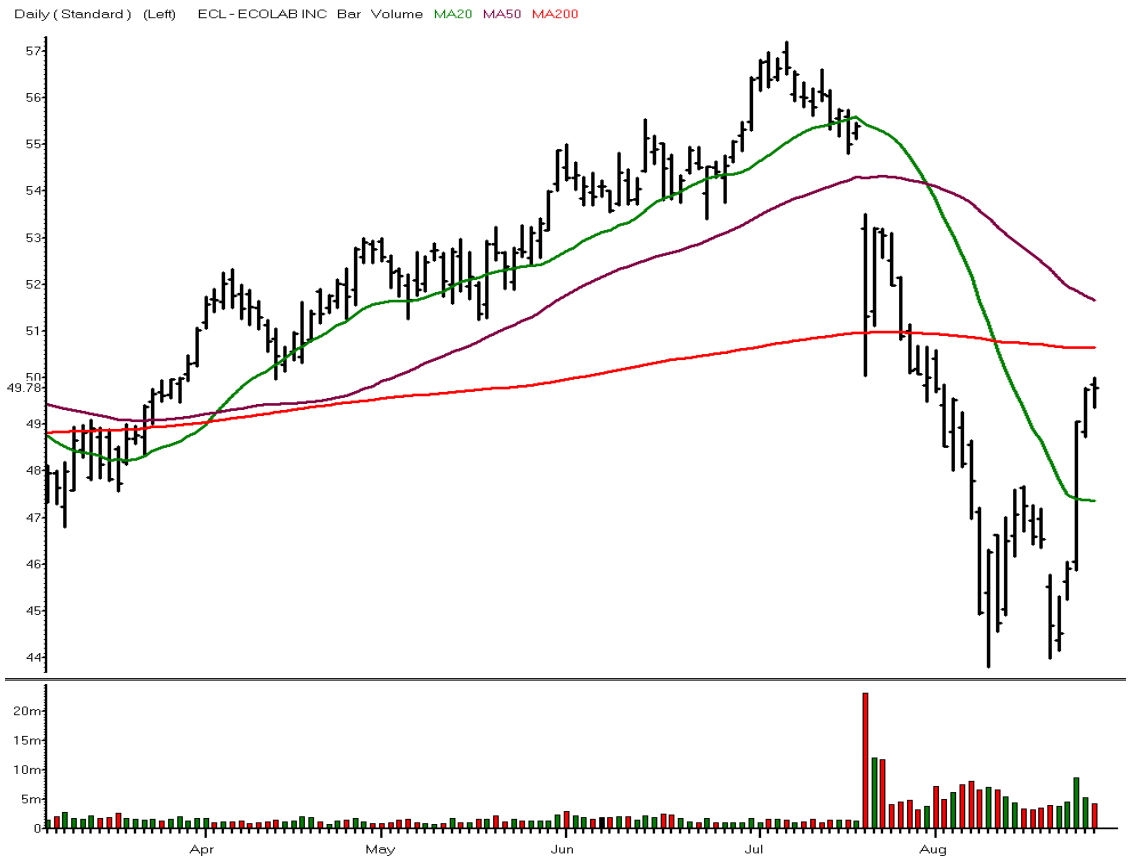

Symbol	ECL	Sector Symbol	$CEX.X
Description	ECOLAB INC		
Pattern	Infield Fly	Specialty Chemicals	
Position	Short	Resistance 2	50.35
Entry	49.26	Resistance 1	50.07
Stop	49.63	Pivot	49.71
Initial Target	48.84	Support 1	49.43
Ratio	1.14	Support 2	49.07
50% To Target	49.05		

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Symbol	HOG	Sector Symbol	$IXY.X
Description	HARLEY DAVIDSON INC		
Pattern	Switch Hitter	Motorcycle Manufacturers	
Position	Short	Resistance 2	35.94
Entry	33.87	Resistance 1	35.04
Stop	34.28	Pivot	34.51
Initial Target	33.44	Support 1	33.61
Ratio	1.05	Support 2	33.08
50% To Target	33.66		

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Symbol	WDC	Sector Symbol	$XIT.X
Description	WESTERN DIGITAL CORP		
Pattern	Switch Hitter	Computer Storage & Peripherals	
Position	Short	Resistance 2	28.64
Entry	27.38	Resistance 1	28.13
Stop	27.67	Pivot	27.80
Initial Target	27.03	Support 1	27.29
Ratio	1.21	Support 2	26.96
50% To Target	27.21		

Stocks To Watch

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MAGNA INTL INC

Symbol		**MGA**
Pattern		Switch Hitter
Position		Short
Entry		35.75
Stop	?	
Initial Target		35.37
50% To Target		35.56
Resistance 2		**37.15**
Resistance 1		**36.53**
Pivot		**36.19**
Support 1		**35.57**
Support 2		**35.23**
Sector		Auto Parts & Equipment
Sector Symbol		$IXY.X



COLLECTIVE BRANDS INC

Symbol		**PSS**
Pattern		Infield Fly
Position		Short
Entry		11.84
Stop	?	
Initial Target		11.44
50% To Target		11.64
Resistance 2		**13.88**
Resistance 1		**13.03**
Pivot		**12.49**
Support 1		**11.64**
Support 2		**11.10**
Sector		Apparel Retail
Sector Symbol		$RLX.X



TIFFANY & CO NEW

Symbol		**TIF**
Pattern		Switch Hitter
Position		Short
Entry		62.60
Stop	?	
Initial Target		62.06
50% To Target		62.33
Resistance 2		**69.02**
Resistance 1		**66.07**
Pivot		**64.38**
Support 1		**61.43**
Support 2		**59.74**
Sector		Specialty Stores
Sector Symbol		$RLX.X

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Stocks And Sectors On The Radar

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Symbol	BKS
Sector	Specialty Stores
Sector Symbol	$RLX.X
Pattern	Switch Hitter
Position	Short
Entry	10.72
Target	10.38
R2	11.81
R1	11.32
Pivot	11.07
S1	10.58
S2	10.33

BARNES & NOBLE INC

50% To Target 10.55



Symbol	JCP
Sector	Department Stores
Sector Symbol	$RLX.X
Pattern	Switch Hitter
Position	Short
Entry	25.89
Target	25.55
R2	27.57
R1	26.88
Pivot	26.43
S1	25.74
S2	25.29

PENNEY J C INC

50% To Target 25.72

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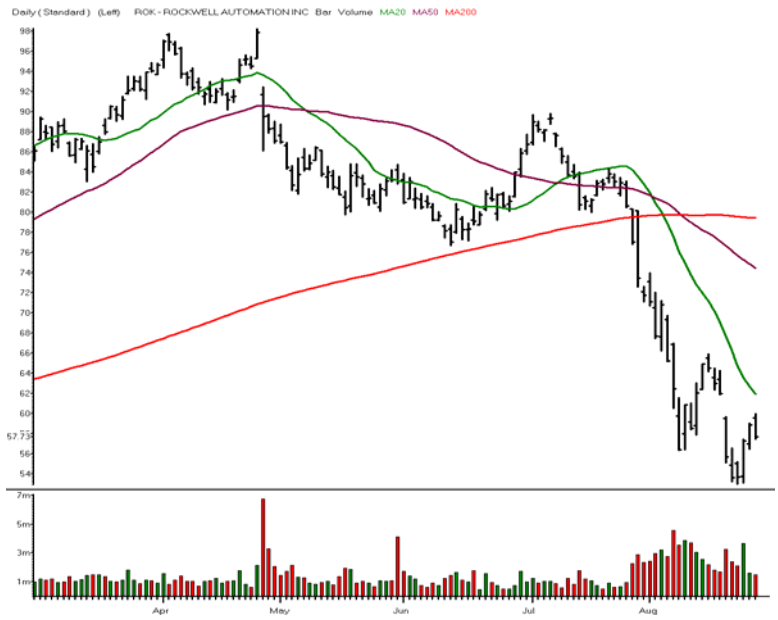
Symbol	NLC
Sector	Specialty Chemicals
Sector Symbol	$CEX.X
Pattern	Infield Fly
Position	Short
Entry	34.40
Target	34.01
R2	35.35
R1	35.09
Pivot	34.79
S1	34.53
S2	34.23

NALCO HOLDING COMPANY

50% To Target 34.21



Symbol	ROK
Sector	Electrical Components & Equipment
Sector Symbol	$XIT.X
Pattern	Switch Hitter
Position	Short
Entry	57.40
Target	56.98
R2	60.91
R1	59.32
Pivot	58.41
S1	56.82
S2	55.91

ROCKWELL AUTOMATION INC

50% To Target 57.19

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Symbol	STX
Sector	Computer Storage & Peripherals
Sector Symbol	$XIT.X
Pattern	Switch Hitter
Position	Short
Entry	10.66
Target	10.38
R2	**11.47**
R1	**11.13**
Pivot	**10.95**
S1	**10.61**
S2	**10.43**

SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC

50% To Target 10.52



Symbol	TIN
Sector	Paper Packaging
Sector Symbol	$IXB.X
Pattern	3-2 Pitch
Position	Short
Entry	22.14
Target	21.82
R2	**23.46**
R1	**22.93**
Pivot	**22.59**
S1	**22.06**
S2	**21.72**

TEMPLE INLAND INC

50% To Target 21.98

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PSS	Infield Fly	11.84	Short		11.64	11.44	$RLX.X
TIF	Switch Hitter	62.60	Short		62.33	62.06	$RLX.X

Stocks And Sectors On The Radar

Symbol	Setup	Entry	Direction	Stop	50%	Target	Sector Symbol
BKS	Switch Hitter	10.72	Short	SCALP	10.55	10.38	$RLX.X
JCP	Switch Hitter	25.89	Short	SCALP	25.72	25.55	$RLX.X
NLC	Infield Fly	34.40	Short	SCALP	34.21	34.01	$CEX.X
ROK	Switch Hitter	57.40	Short	SCALP	57.19	56.98	$XIT.X
STX	Switch Hitter	10.66	Short	SCALP	10.52	10.38	$XIT.X
TIN	3-2 Pitch	22.14	Short	SCALP	21.98	21.82	$IXB.X

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Around the Horn:
The Rule Book

Just as the Around the Horn trading plan developed for our personal use, these rules also evolved to maximize our own trading profits, minimize risk and still allow the trades room to breathe. When we compute the monthly results, we use these rules to calculate the plan's efficacy. Individual trade results may exceed or fall short of the monthly results (for example, more or less favorable fills or missing a trade), but these rules allow comparison of results over time and a measure for one's own trading performance using pre-established criteria. While these guidelines will always have an exception to the rule (e.g. stopping out of a trade that later becomes profitable) over time, they serve us well more often than not.

Entries:

1. The entry price (or entry tick within the allowable slippage or gap) has to ***print on the NYSE***. That is, a stock that ticks the entry price on the NAS on or before the open does not count as a legitimate entry as the tick must originate on NYSE;
2. For ***Gaps*** and ***allowable slippage,*** profit target is the key. Your entry slippage should not be more than 25% of the total amount you expect to make and for planned trades should never be more than 20 cents total. Thus, if your profit target is a 40 cent gain, then allow for 10 cents of slippage. If the profit target is over a dollar, then 20 cents of slippage is reasonable. If you enter a trade beyond this level, then mentally shift gears and treat the trade as an intraday play or scalp trade, not as a planned trade;
3. ***No new entries*** after 12:20 PST/3:20 EST (40 minutes to close).

Stop Protocol:

Once you enter a trade at the stated entry price or within the acceptable 10 cent slip level there are several criteria we use to protect ourselves from losses, as well as protect profits, while still allowing some room for volatility. During the trading day, I like to think of these as hurdles, moving from one to the next as the trade progresses.

Hurdle 1: After entering the trade at the stated entry price, watch to see if the trade goes 10 cents in your favor FROM THE STATED ENTRY PRICE, NOT YOUR FILL PRICE. If it does not go 10 cents in the trade's favor from the entry price before it goes 10 cents against the trade, exit the trade 10 cents against your trade and watch for another entry opportunity.

Issues: This strategy has protected us against what I call getting "tagged-in" only to head straight to the stop-loss. To execute this strategy, a trader needs to be comfortable paying the extra commissions if the trade comes back to your entry. Also, another entry here does not count as a "second" entry. If you are uncomfortable with this strategy, don't use it and use the stop level as your exit.

Hurdle 2: Once the trade is in your favor 10 cents beyond the entry price, keep the stop loss at the stated stop loss until the trade hits the 50% to Target level.

Hurdle 3: At the 50% to Target level, move the Stop Loss from the stated stop loss to a breakeven level at the STATED ENTRY PRICE, NOT YOUR FILL PRICE.

Hurdle 4: Once the trade ticks within 10 cents to the stated Initial Profit Target, move the stop to a Profit Stop at the 50% to Initial Profit Target level.

Hurdle 5: Once the trade hits the Initial Profit Target, determine if the trade is zooming past your price (in other words, it would be a struggle to exit the trade at that price as it is trading so strongly in your favor it has already surpassed the Initial Profit Target before you can get your order in). If this happy situation is occurring, stay in and trail with a profit stop, initially at the Profit Target.

If the trade is not this strong (as occurs much more often), exit the trade at the Initial Profit Target. Some traders choose to exit only half or some other percentage at this level and then trail a profit stop initially at the 50% to Target level, then later the Initial Profit Target, then by some other method as the trade gets progressively further from this level (reversal of two closes, violation of the 8 period simple moving average, support/resistance, etc.).

Note: These are the rules we use to calculate the monthly performance. As trader's you may find some other variation useful. For instance, for the 10 cent "tagged in" rule when a trade has not gone more than 10 cents in your favor before reversing, some traders prefer not to exit at 10 cents against you in favor of a wider exit at a 50% to stop loss level, giving the stock a little more room to breathe. Another example some traders employ is to take a percentage of profits at the 50% to Target level, another percentage at the initial profit target, and the final if it travels further, with protective stops for each of these levels as the trade progresses.

It is important to understand how we are trading and the rules we are using. It is also important that trading rules suit your psychology. If you have questions or thoughts please don't hesitate to contact me at: Julie@TraderInsight.com

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