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## The Day Ahead: Chance to Confirm Post-Fed Bounce

- Bond rally following yesterday's Fed brings trading levels right back to the top of the previous range
- holding ground today with modest gains would be great
- breaking back below 10yr yields of 1.80 would be better
- simply avoiding the early March precedent would be good

What is the "early March precedent?" March 1st marked the beginning of a sell-off that was **very similar** in shape, intensity, and technical significance to the sell-off that began on April 20th. Both sell-offs put in 4 more days of weakness after breaking above the 21-day moving average (middle line in the Bollinger Bands overlaid on the candlesticks in the following chart). Both sell-offs then encountered a strongly positive day. In early March, it was the 8th. In the current sell-off, it was yesterday's Fed day.



## MBS & Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	100.38	-0.17
MBS GNMA 6.0	100.70	-0.04
10 YR Treasury	4.4208	+0.0439
30 YR Treasury	4.5606	+0.0545

Pricing as of: 5/17 1:35PM EST



## Average Mortgage Rates

	Rate	Change	Points
<b>Mortgage News Daily</b>			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.02%	+0.03	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.53%	+0.03	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.55%	+0.03	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.31%	+0.01	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.24%	+0.04	0.00
<b>Freddie Mac</b>			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.02%	-0.42	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.28%	-0.48	0.00
<b>Mortgage Bankers Assoc.</b>			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.08%	-0.10	0.63
15 Yr. Fixed	6.61%	+0.01	0.65
30 Yr. FHA	6.89%	-0.03	0.94
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.22%	-0.09	0.58
5/1 ARM	6.56%	-0.04	0.66

Rates as of: 5/16

As the chart shows (and as you may well remember), the early March bounce was merely a 1-day **head-fake** before bonds resumed their weaker ways. This time around, avoiding a similar fate--even if it only means holding steady--would be a welcome result. If 10yr yields can manage to hold under 1.84, it would be even better. The best case scenario would be a break under 1.80, but that would require a fairly strong rally today, which could be a tall order after yesterday's strong move.

Key data is limited to GDP at 8:30am. This is the **first look at Q1 numbers** and the median forecast currently stands at 0.7.

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