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MBS Recap: Best 2-Day Winning Streak in Quite a While

For the purposes of this recap, "winning streak" would be defined as a day where Fannie 3.5 MBS or 10yr Treasury yields closed at better levels than the previous closing levels. The more days in a row where that happens, the longer the winning streak would be. Without further ado, I present to you the largest winning streak since early November!

How many successive days of improvement did it take? Well... just the one. That's right! We actually haven't had a successive day of gains (vs the previous close) since early November. Even then, one might point out that early November gains only came after a late October sell-off to the weakest levels in more than 6 months. In that context, we haven't really had any winning streaks in close to 2 months.

This isn't to say that yields haven't moved higher and lower inside their recent range--simply that they haven't much cared to string the winning days together. To be fair, the same could be said of the losing days for most of the past 3 weeks. **Bottom line:** things have been sideways, volatile, and noncommittal as we wait for fiscal and monetary policy decisions.

There were no specifics to drive the past 2 days of improvement--at least not the sort of specifics we're used to dealing with. Economic data hasn't had much of an impact. That's **especially true** of this morning's ADP Employment data and even the Productivity and Costs report. The latter appeared to move bonds at first, but it was actually a block trade of 5yr Treasury futures that got the party started at 8:26am ET, 4 minutes before the data came out. "Party" is also a relative term as we're talking about very mild movement relative to any other random 5 minute cross-section of the day.

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MBS & Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	99.10	-0.25
MBS GNMA 6.0	99.88	-0.27
10 YR Treasury	4.6619	-0.0065
30 YR Treasury	4.7600	-0.0052

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	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News	Daily		
30 Yr. Fixed	7.50%	+0.06	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.89%	+0.04	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.95%	+0.09	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.64%	+0.04	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.40%	+0.02	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.88%	-0.56	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.16%	-0.60	0.00
Mortgage Banke	rs Assoc.		
30 Yr. Fixed	7.01%	+0.10	0.59
15 Yr. Fixed	6.46%	+0.11	0.60
30 Yr. FHA	6.80%	+0.06	0.93
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.13%	+0.07	0.56
5/1 ARM	6.41%	+0.04	0.67
Rates as of: 4/16			

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