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Japanese Bonds begin to realise bull potential No comfort for Euro bulls



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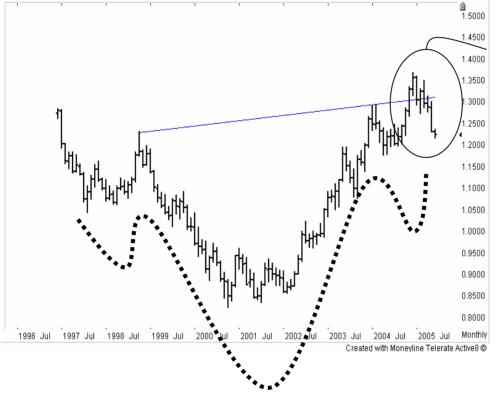
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Currencies

The Dollar's strength over the last week has actually differed quite widely between the Currencies. The Euro took the brunt, Sterling next but the Yen actually strengthened. It pays to study each on their merits. Only the Euro has totally lost the long-term bull case for a strengthening against the Dollar.

Dollar Euro



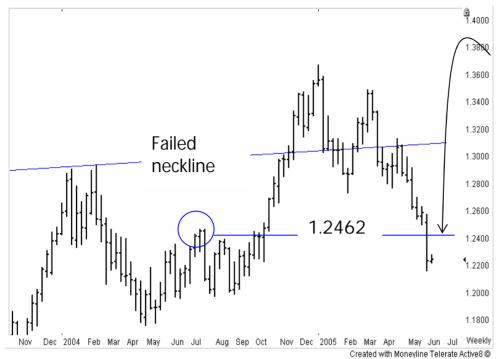
MONTHLY SPOT CASH CHART:

The failure of the massive bull pattern in the Dollar Euro is striking.

The depth and speed of the re-penetration of the Neckline is unmistakable.

Is there more evidence in the detail about where the market goes from here?





WEEKLY SPOT CASH CHART:

The collapse through the first major support in the market at 1.2462 that was only threatened last week suggests great weakness.

(But it is worth noting that there is no great bear pattern in place yet...)

Look closer.

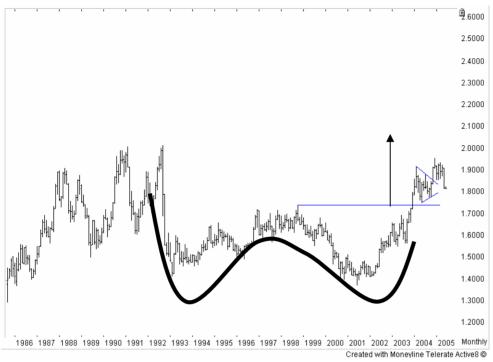


DAILY SPOT CASH CHART:

Of course, there is the good overhead resistance that we pointed out <u>last week</u> at 1.2733 and 1.2767 only a break back through those levels would encourage the bulls.

For the moment the bears are clearly still in control.

Dollar Sterling



MONTHLY SPOT CASH CHART:

The very long-term bull pattern – a Double Bottom – remains in place despite the recent weakness of Sterling.

So the target of that pattern remains in place too – 2.08-9.

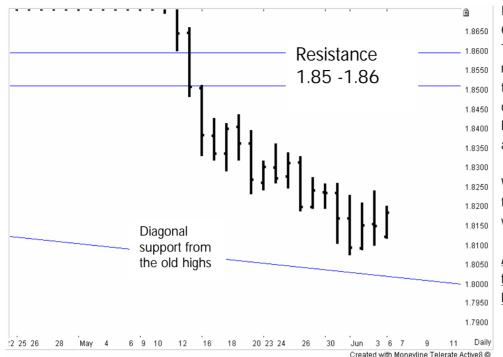
But shorter term, what forces are at work?



WEEKLY SPOT CASH CHART:

The pull-back may find some support beneath at the falling diagonal from the old highs.

And above the market, we argued <u>last week</u> that there was a Triple Top in place – perhaps not a perfectly constructed one – but the resistance above the market at 1.85 and 1.86 is clear.



DAILY SPOT CASH CHART:

Those levels of overhead resistance in place – and the recent slide – dealers should for a break of the levels above and below.

We were right <u>last week</u> to anticipate further weakening.

And the trend still favours a test of the lower level.

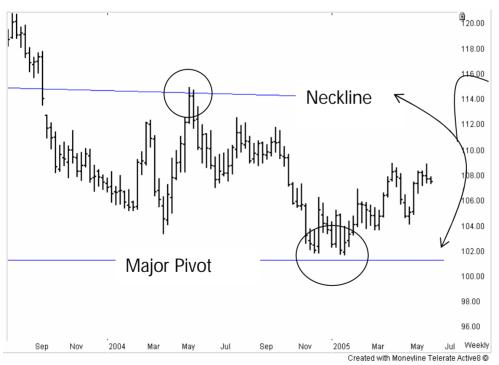
Dollar Yen



MONTHLY SPOT CASH CHART:

The long chart is dominated by the bear Head and Shoulders pattern that is driving the market down to 96.50 or so.

But for the moment the old lows at 101.27 have proved an important Pivot level.



WEEKLY SPOT CASH CHART:

The price action seems squashed between the Neckline at 114 and the Pivot at 101.27.

But there's very little structure within it.



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WEEKLY SPOT CASH CHART:

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Daily

The resistance above the market at 109 has caused the market to fail there twice.

Dollar Bulls should wait for that level to be broken before adding to their positions...

By the same token, Dollar bears should wait for the Pivot at 102 to break before renewing their selling.

DAILY SPOT CASH CHART:

Last week we suggested watching closely the market's reaction to the critical 108.76 level.

The double failure is technically very poor for the market. The Dollar bulls need a break above.

Beneath the market the short-term level to watch is the horizontal from the low at 104.24. Yen bulls should wait for that to be broken.

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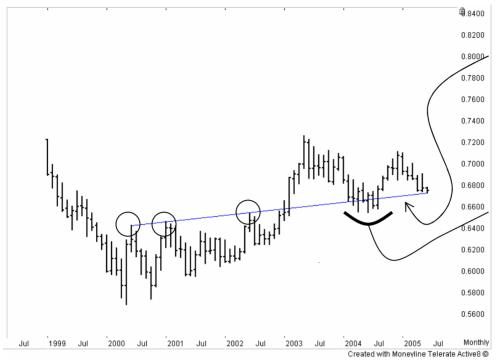
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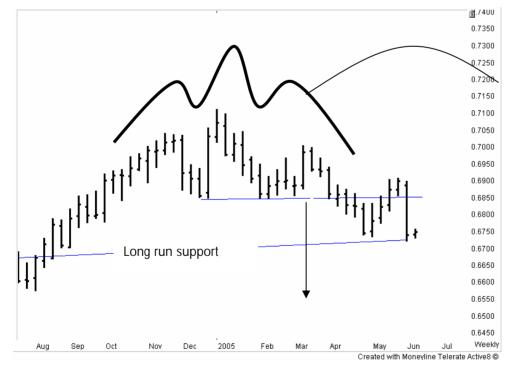
Sterling Euro



MONTHLY SPOT CASH CHART:

The long chart emphasises the importance of the support from the old highs back in 2000 and 2002.

The market has tried to break down through it once before and failed.



WEEKLY SPOT CASH

CHART:

It's not neat, but there's good evidence of a Head and Shoulders Top pattern in place that suggests lower levels — as far as 0.6586.

But the long run support has to be broken for that to happen.



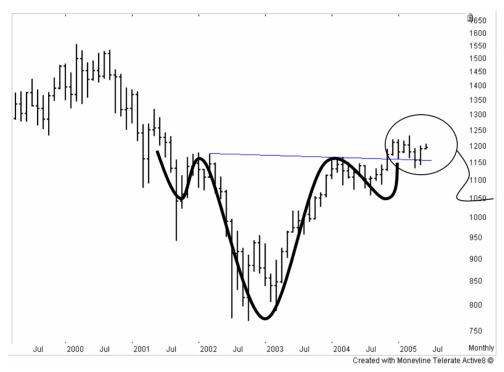
DAILY SPOT CASH CHART: Look for a breakdown and close beneath the recent low at 0.6723 to set the Euro bears going again.

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Stocks

The DJStoxx 50 and the Nikkei pushed higher with enthusiasm. The S&P and FTSE only nudged better. All the markets look in good form. But only one is at its high for the year: the DJStoxx50.

Standard and Poors 500

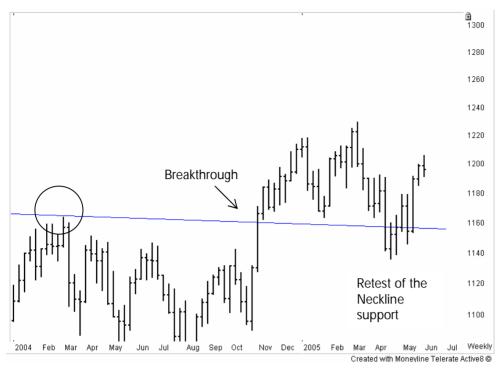


MONTHLY CASH
INDEX CHART:
The long-term chart is
clear and unambiguous:
a large Bull Head and
Shoulders has
completed and suggests
moves as far as 1750.

It is better than that: the bears have tested the Neckline support and it has held.

Look closer.



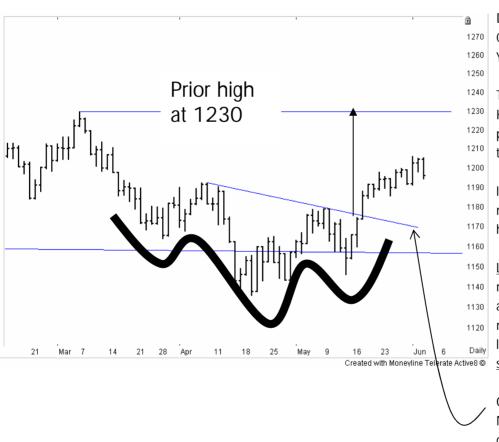


WEEKLY CASH INDEX CHART:

Here we see the initial breakthrough of the Neckline – the completion of the H&S pattern – and then the subsequent retest of the Neckline as support.

Over the last five weeks the market has bounced convincingly.

Are there bull patterns hidden in the detail of the last five weeks?



DAILY CASH INDEX CHART:

Yes!

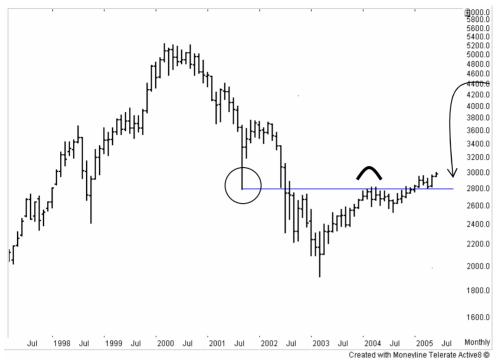
There is a clear small Head and Shoulders bull pattern that completed two weeks ago.

Its minimum target is more or less the old high of 1230.

<u>Last week</u> we said the market was well set – and though it has moved ahead only a little <u>it remains well set</u> still.

On a pull-back the Neckline is good support down at 1170 or so.

European Dow Jones Stoxx 50

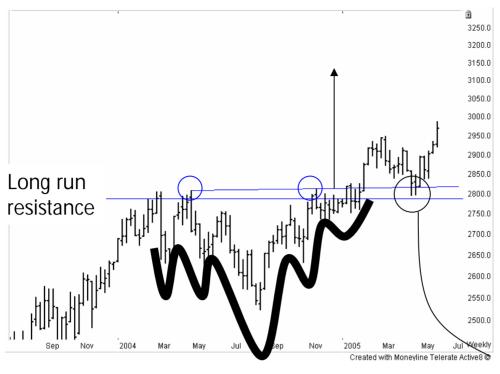


MONTHLY CASH INDEX CHART:

The crucial level in the DJStoxx50 chart id the horizontal from the old low at 2784 in 2001.

That level acted as a major resistance to the bull move from the lows but was finally smashed at the very beginning of 2005.

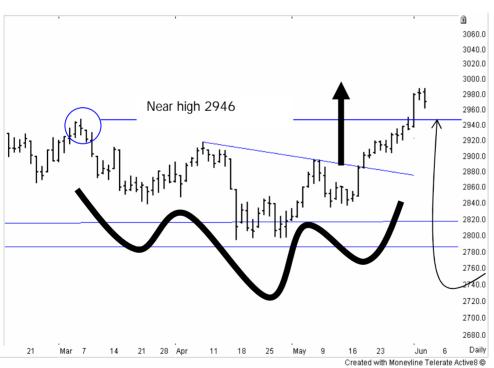
The bull trend has continued.



WEEKLY CASH INDEX CHART: Initial difficulties the market had on pushing through the 2784 level led over the course of 2004 to the creation of a Continuation Head and Shoulders pattern which finally completed at the same time as the break through the long term resistance.

The target of that pattern is clear – 3130.

See how the Neckline of the small H&S pattern acted as good support.



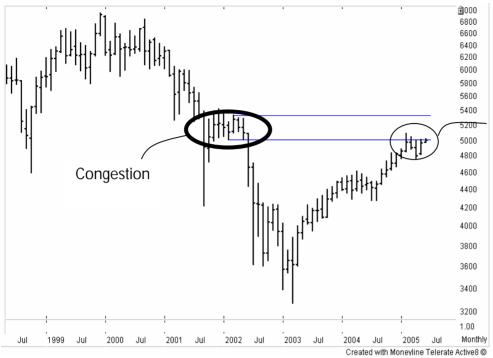
DAILY CASH INDEX CHART:

And better still for the bulls, the bounce has been accelerated and strengthened by the completion of a small bull Head and Shoulders structure that itself suggests moves as far as 3000.

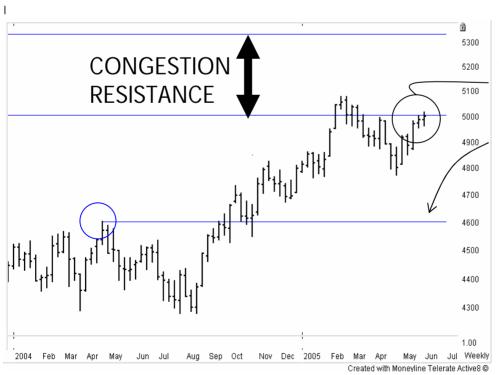
Last week I suggested waiting for a break through the near high at 2946.

Now the market has broken through, that level should act as good support on any pullback.

FTSE 100



MONTHLY CASH **INDEX CHART:** The long chart of the FTSE emphasises the importance of the congestion from back in 2002 that has made the bull trend pause at 5000.



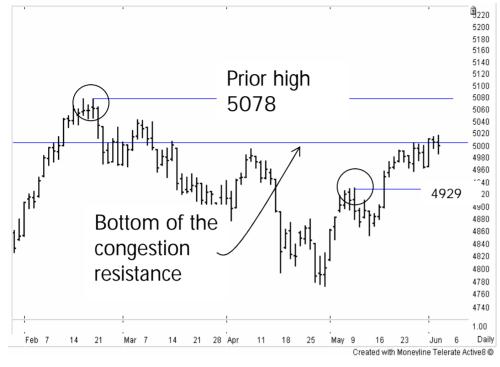
WEEKLY CASH INDEX

CHART:

The after falling back from that band of resistance, the market is again testing it....

First support beneath the market is 4600.

Look closer.



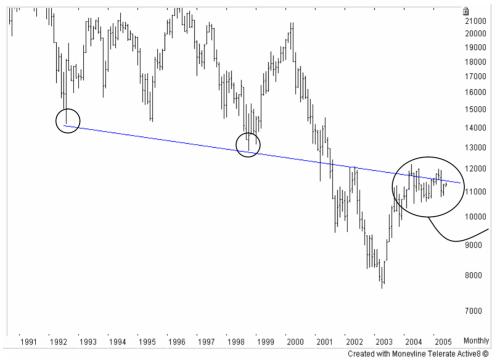
DAILY CASH INDEX CHART:

Unlike the S&P ad the DJStoxx indices, the detail of the reversal does not really add up to a bull Head and Shoulders...

We argued <u>last week</u> that, certainly, the high at 4929 beneath the market should be good support, while the bulls may want to wait for the old high at 5078 to be broken before adding on.

Until then, stand back.

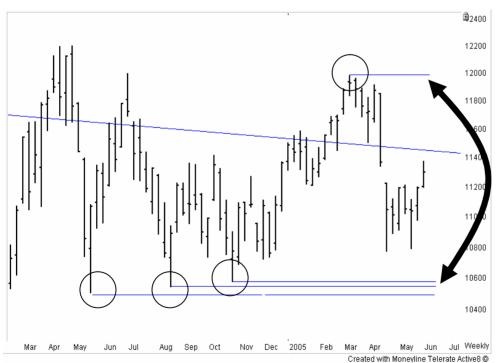
Nikkei 225



MONTHLY CASH INDEX CHART:

The long chart is vital to providing the essential context for the near term price action.

The old lows in 1992 and 1998 have formed a powerful diagonal of resistance – so much so that the market has been driven sideways in a tight band since March 2004.



WEEKLY CASH INDEX CHART: The range then is clear: 12000 to 10500.

Only a break of that will excite the market.

But which way will it break?

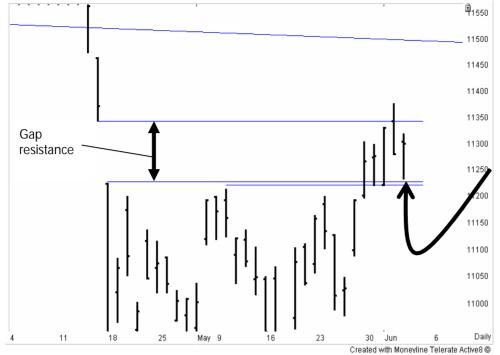


DAILY CASH INDEX CHART:

The market looks to have created a neat little Bottom formation so that the completion level of the Double Bottom is now support beneath the market at 11211.

And since it has completed, has a target of 11750.

But there is also the Gap to consider: it is good resistance, so Bulls should wait for a break above that level before adding on.



DAILY CASH INDEX CHART:

<u>Last week</u> we said that the day chart was interesting – and so it proved.

The gap is resistance and the near highs are support.

The market has spent most of the week trading between them in a narrow range.

Bulls must wait for a close above 11343.

Bears a breakdown beneath the support at 11211.

Wait for the decisive break.

Bonds

We were excited last week at the short term prospects for all the markets, and the subsequent price action proved us right. All the bonds markets still remain in good form, and set for further bull price action in both the short term and the longer term.

Ten Years US Treasury Note





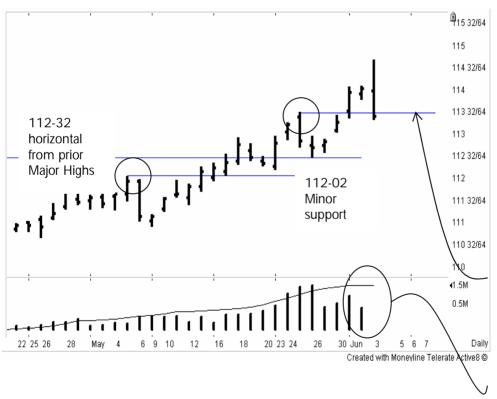


WEEKLY SEP05 FUTURES CHART:

We reported last week the break of the old highs – that would act as good support and help ratchet the market better.

We were right, it was good support. And the market did go better – fast.

Look closer.



WEEKLY SEP 05 FUTURES CHART:

See how the market broke through the 112-32 level, retested it and then forged ahead.

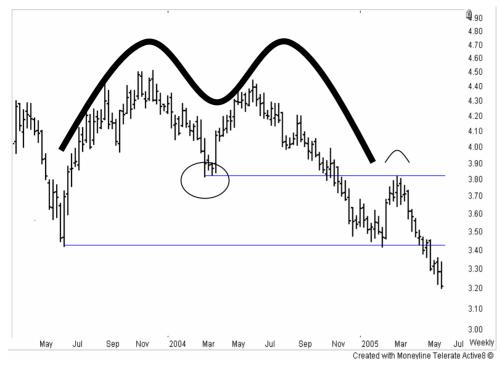
We said last week that the 112-32 level would be good support – that was indeed right.

The market is well set.

113-32 should be good first support on any pull-back, and beneath that short term 112-02.

Note the fierce pull-back on Friday was on very light volume.

Ten Year Euro Bund



MONTHLY CASH
YIELD CHART:
The chart is a compelling
Double Top that has
been driving yields down
to 3.26%.

That target has been achieved.

But notice that the market now finds itself beneath the two old lows at 3.42%.

As I have argued over the last few weeks there is now a yield ceiling in place.

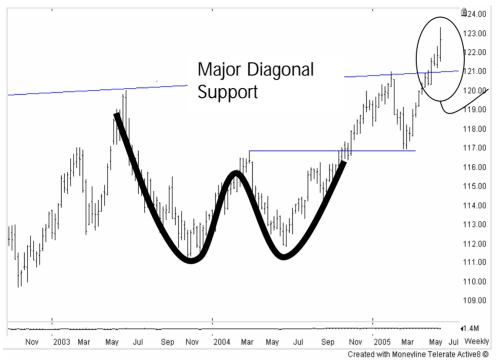


MONTHLY FUTURES CONTINUATION CHART: The futures continuation chart suggests much the same: a price floor in place around 121.

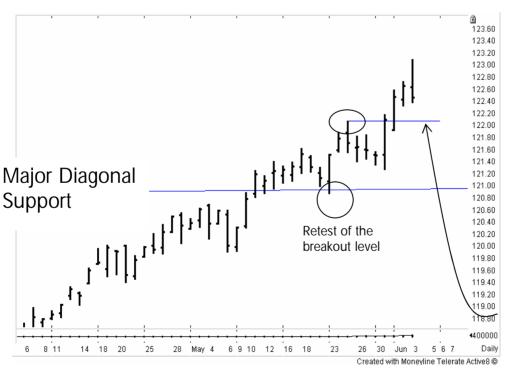
Now look closer.



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WEEKLY
CONTINUATION
FUTURES CHART: The
week chart shows the
explosive price action
over the last month that
demonstrates the
importance of the 121
level.



DAILY SEP 05
FUTURES CHART:
Last week we pointed
out the power of the
121 support, describing
the market's hesitations
and retest of the
breakout level - these
were powerful
confirmations of the bull
break.

Since then the market has powered ahead.

Now look to 122-06 as first support.

Ten Year Japanese Bond

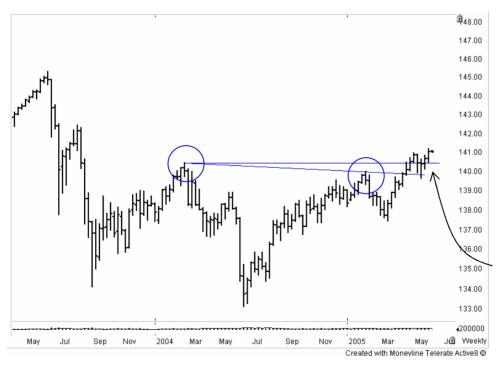


WEEKLY CASH YIELD CHART:

The big yield chart is utterly compelling.

The pattern has been completed, and is set to drive yields a good deal lower- minimum 0.84%

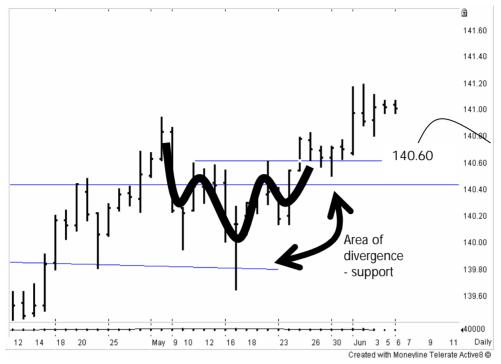
(About the yield current in June 2003)



WEEKLY FUTURES CONTINUATION CHART:

The futures continuation chart is less so but nonetheless positive... as we argued last week, the old highs should act as good support either horizontally or diagonally.

Use the area of divergence as good support.



DAILY FUTURES SEP05 CHART:

We argued <u>last week</u> that there was a small unmistakable Head and Shoulders Bottom in place – and emphasised the Neckline of 140.60.

Sure enough, that has driven the market a good deal better.

Target for the pattern is 141.60.

The market's well set.

Interest Rates

All markets are positive and underpinned. The Euribor is best set, followed by the Sterling. The short term Dollar interest rate position is fine but as we remarked last week the wider context is less clear than elsewhere.

Dollar Rates



WEEKY JUN 06 FUTURES CHART: The tightening range of the Eurodollar chart.

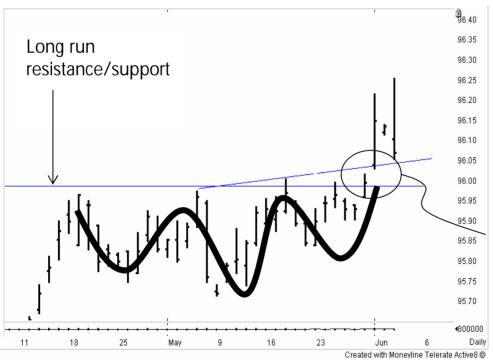




DAILY JUN 06 FUTURES CHART: Last week we pointed out the importance of the resistance from the low at 95.99 – sure enough, the fierce break came and the price action endorsed our

Clearly the vital support is the old resistance of 95.99.

While that holds the market is in great form.



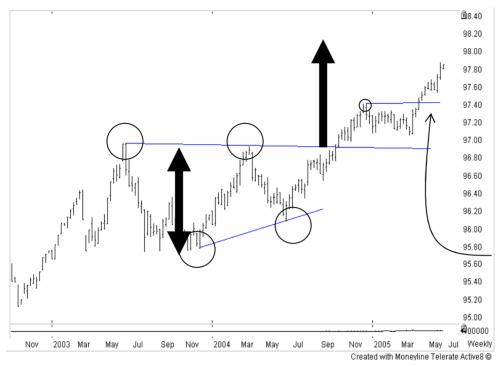
DAILY JUN 06 FUTURES CHART:

The detail of the breakout is instructive – an unmistakable Continuation Head and Shoulders pattern had developed (due to the hesitation at the resistance).

The break of the resistance coincided with the completion of that H&S pattern.

The target for the pattern? About 96.31 minimum.

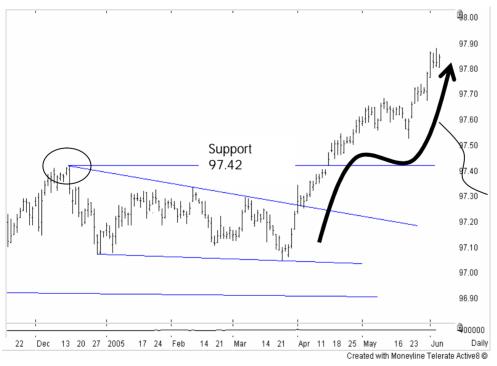
Euribor Rates



WEEKY JUN 06 FUTURES CHART: The ruling pattern is clear: the massive Continuation Triangle formed during 2003 and 2004 is set to drive the market up to 98.14 minimum.

There's more to come.

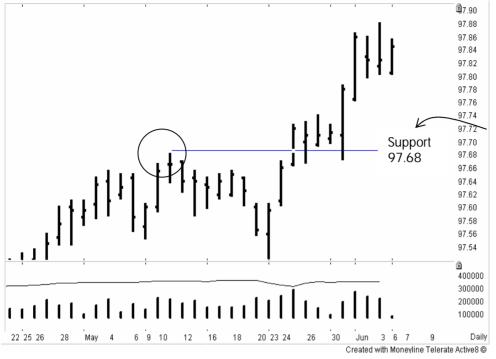
First support beneath the market is 97.42.



DAILY JUN 06 FUTURES CHART:

The detail reveals a neat Bull Falling Wedge that has created the first support on any pullback...

But the price action above that is fairly straightforwardly bullish...

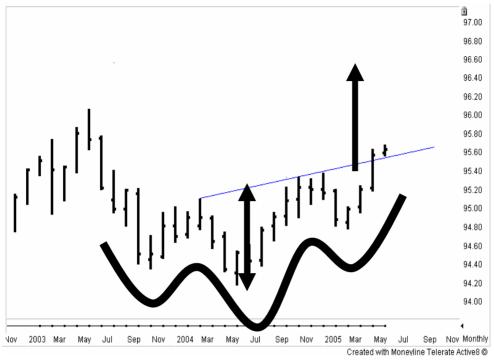


DAILY JUN06 FUTURES CHART: The near support in the day chart is the horizontal at 97.68.

<u>Last week</u> we identified that as the crucial support <u>and so it proved</u>.

We argued <u>last week</u> that the market was well set and it remains so.

Sterling Rates



MONTHLY JUN06 FUTURES CHART: The long chart is very striking.

It is a completed Head and Shoulders Bottom that <u>looks to send the</u> market as far as 96.46.

Minimum.

Certainly the Neckline is sloping - but the proportions are otherwise fine.



WEEKLY JUN06 FUTURES CHART:

The Head and Shoulders pattern is <u>even clearer</u> in the week chart.

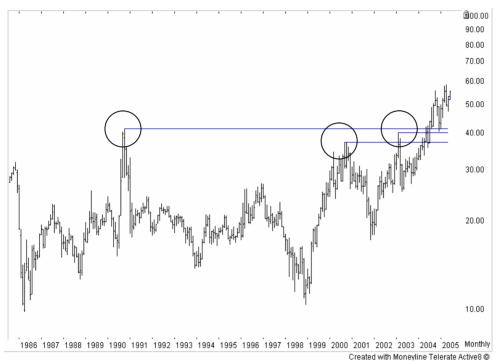
Note well the pause and then departure from the Neckline at 95.50.

Look more closely.

Commodities

The coincidence of the long and short term structures that we outlined last week served to drive oil better as expected. Gold too found little enthusiasm to go lower, and broke seemingly good overhead resistance.

Oil



MONTHLY SPOT CASH CHART:

The long term chart is famously clear in revealing the powerful underpinning of oil price around the \$40 level.





WEEKLY SPOT CASH

The bounce from the support completed a neat Head and Shoulders pattern that looks to drive the market up as far as \$62. Minimum.



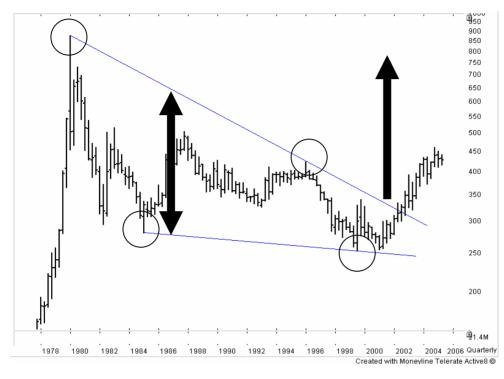
DAILY SPOT CASH CHART:

<u>Last week</u> we argued that bull should wait for a break above the \$53 level before adding on.

That happened. The market now looks well set.

The critical level is \$58.28 – bulls should wait for a close through that level before adding on further.

Gold



QUARTERLY SPOT CASH CHART:

The massive triangle formed over the last few years is set to drive the market up to <u>794</u> minimum.

The 1978 high was 873.



MONTHLY SPOT CASH CHART:

The bull trend from early 2001 has been solid and unwavering.





WEEKLY SPOT CASH CHART:

But in the week chart there is the <u>beginning</u> of a Continuation Triangle.

Watch and wait for a break through the falling diagonal above the market at \$439.

Will the market get there?



DAILY SPOT CASH CHART:

Last week we emphasised the importance of the resistance from the old lows at \$423 –and felt that while the market was beneath that level the bears still had the upper hand.

The breakthrough was impressive – and though there is no bottom formation in place, the bulls have proved their resilience.

Expect further advances toward the diagonal at \$439.