### Tinker to Evers to Chance



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# **Objectives**

- Explore George Nicholson's Triple Play
- Understand the components of a Triple Play
- Look at four ways to find a Triple Play
- Point out key things to remember
- A case study/potential Triple Play example

# Tinker to Evers to Chance These are the saddest of possible words:

"Tinker to Evers to Chance."

Trio of bear cubs, and fleeter than birds, Tinker and Evers and Chance.

Ruthlessly pricking our gonfalon bubble,

Making a Giant hit into a double—

Words that are heavy with nothing but trouble:

"Tinker to Evers to Chance."

– Franklin Pierce Adams July 10, 1910



### Tinker to Evers to Chance

- Famous double-play combination
- Early 1900s Chicago Cubs
- · Baseball Hall of Famers



Double Plays are great

When investing,
We want a Triple Play

1904 Chicago Cubs

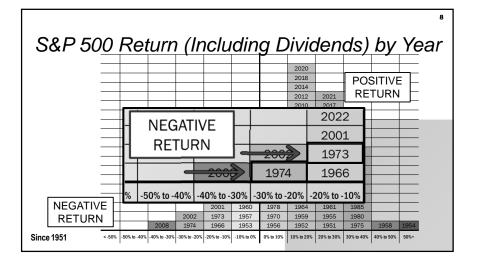
# George Nicholson – Triple Play Quotes

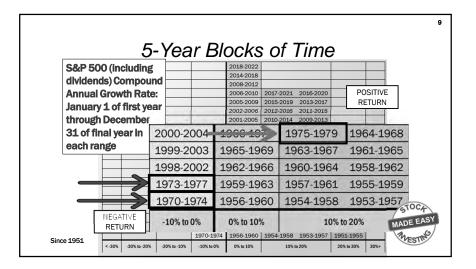


"I have been investing proceeds in Triple Play situations during 1973-1974 in preparation for the next bull market.

If past performance is any guide, the performance should exceed [stock market returns] by a wide margin. Such stocks are most frequently found at the end of a prolonged bear market."

Nicholson's World,
 BetterInvesting Magazine





George Nicholson – Triple Play Quotes

"Occasionally, investors can find a stock where a TRIPLE PLAY can be made.

Such a stock offers exceptional opportunity.

The triple play possibility occurs when you find a stock that is very depressed in price and also appears to be on the verge of substantially boosting its profit margins."

- NAIC Investors Manual for the Individual Investor

# Triple Play

- 1. Great Price
- 2. Profit Margin Improvement
- 3. Price Earnings Ratio (P/E) can expand



# Single Play - Price

### Can be phrased differently:

- Depressed stock price can return to normal
- Available at deep discount
- A good company on sale







The Truth Is...

• The combination of **Earnings** Per Share (EPS) growth and buying at a depressed P/E ratio is dynamite.

- Buy when a company is on sale!
- A deep discount is even better!

Double Play - Profit Margins



### Can be phrased differently:

- Expectation of increasing profitability
- Room for profit margin expansion exists
- Profit Margins can increase, resulting in higher EPS and stock price

Let's Supercharge our Investment

Can we supercharge our return? What if we find companies that are improving profitability?



Triple Play - P/E

## Can be phrased differently:

- Potential for P/E Expansion
- P/E can increase
- Increased profit margins may cause higher P/E ratios



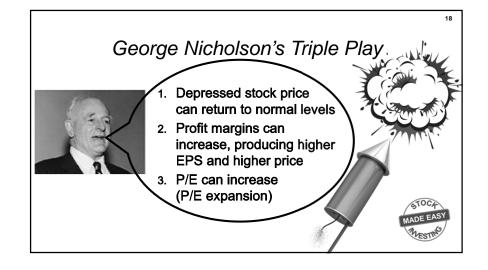
# P/E Expansion

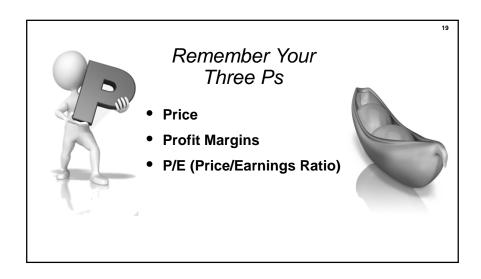
### Remember:

Stock Price = EPS x P/E Ratio

P/E Expansion means P/E has room to increase or expand.

If P/E is part of formula for stock price ... It means, if P/E can increase, so can stock price.

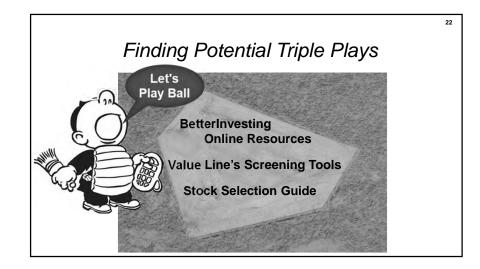






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# How to Execute a Triple Play



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Triple Play - Baseball

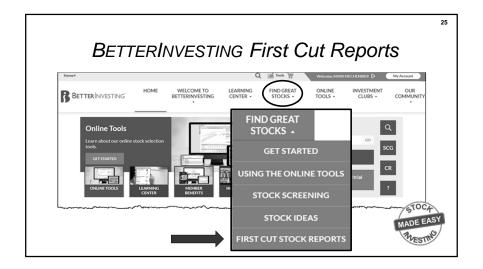
In baseball, a triple play is the rare act of making three outs during the same continuous play.

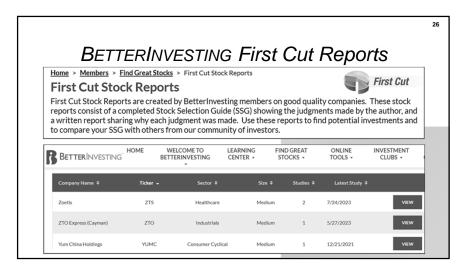
Wikipedia

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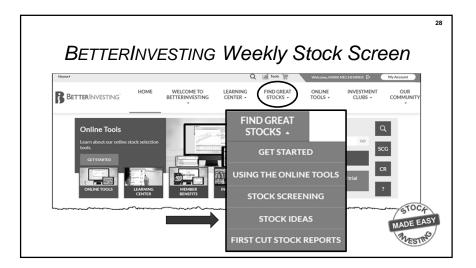
Triple plays happen infrequently - there have been 717 triple plays in Major League Baseball (MLB) since 1876 an average of approximately five per season

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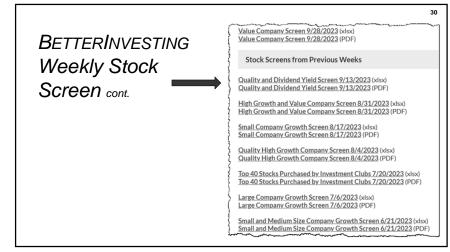


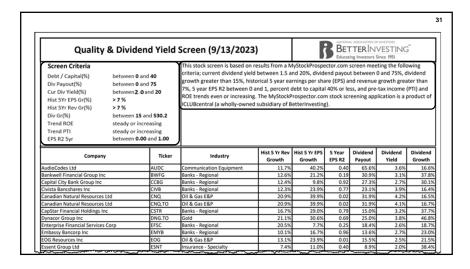




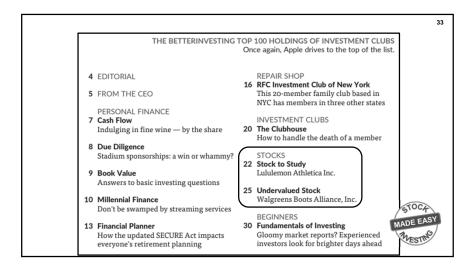


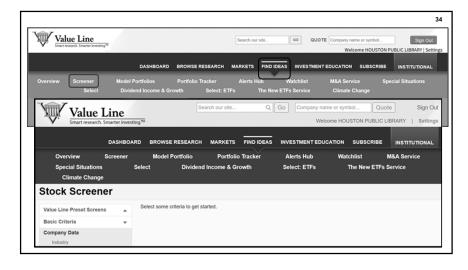


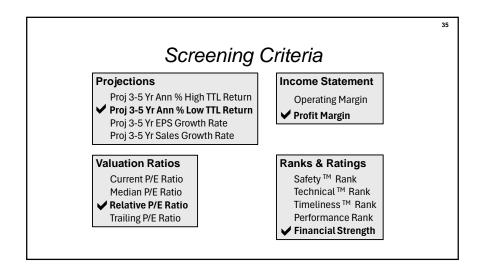


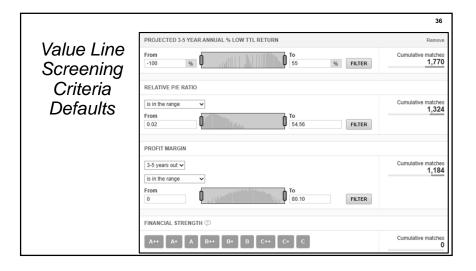




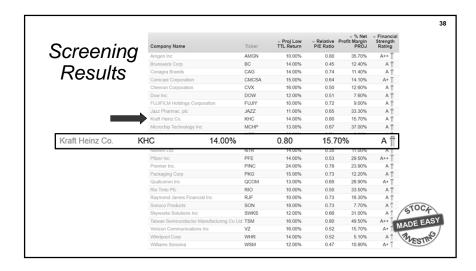




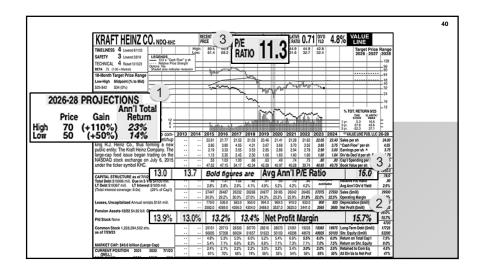


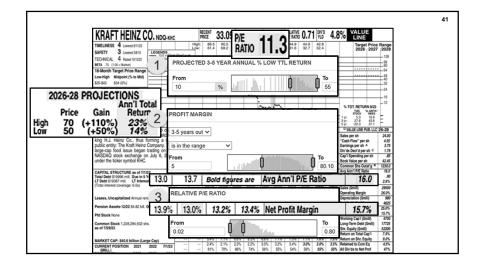


PROJECTED 3-5 YEAR ANNUAL % LOW TTL RETURN Value Line % FILTER 694 Screening Criteria for a Potential **From** 0.02 **To** 0.80 Triple Play FILTER 3-5 years out 🗸 is in the range FILTER FINANCIAL STRENGTH 💬 Cumulative matches 25

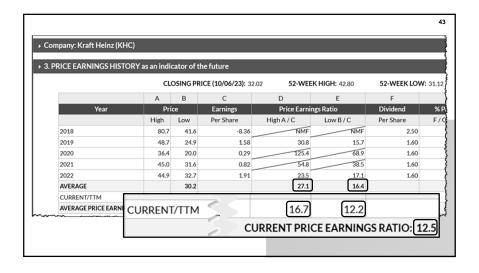


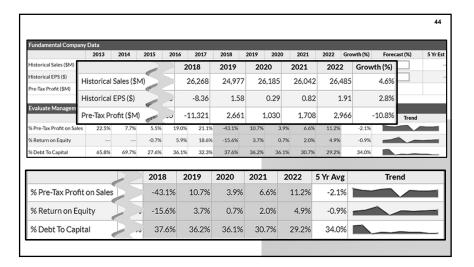
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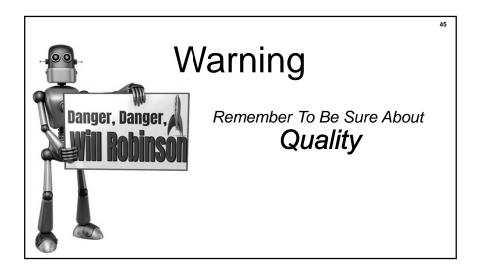


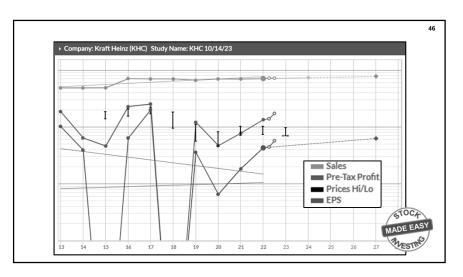


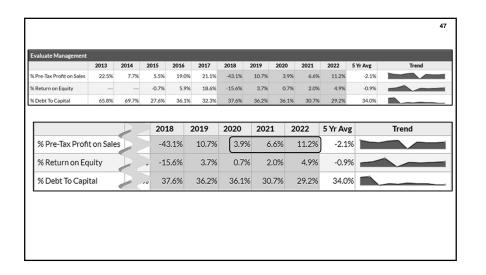


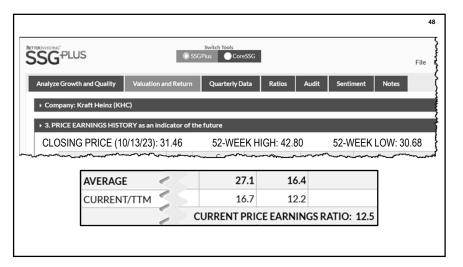












# George Nicholson's Triple Play



- 1. Available at a deep discount
- 2. Expectation of increasing profitability
- 3. Room for P/E expansion



# Triple Play - Investing

- Easier to find near end of bear markets.
- Indicates stock MAY be on sale and offer good value at normal levels.
- Still need to be scrutinized for quality and potential.
- You need to do your homework.

### A triple play is not always a Home Run!

• Do **SSG** to determine the stock's fair value and upside/downside ratio.

# Summary



We talked about:

- George Nicholson's Triple Play
- Its components
- Ways to find a Triple Play
- Key things to remember

Value Line "How To" Resources

### Focus on Vale Line's Tool Guides

- Using Value Line for Fundamental Investors (part 1)
  - Slides for Using Value Line (part 1)

### Advanced Value Line, focus on data components found in a Company's report)

- Using Value Line for Fundamental Investors (part 2)
- Sides for Using Value Line (part 2)

### Focus & overview of digital page presentations found in Value Line

- Using Value Line for Fundamental Investors (part 3)
  - Slides for Using Value Line (part 3)

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### More "How To" Resources

### **Discovering Investing Resources Available from Libraries:**

- Value Line and Morningstar Library Resources
  - Recording can be found here
- Libraries with Non-resident Borrowing Privileges!

### Libraries with Remote Access

- Orange County System (FL) \$125 Annually\*
  - Morningstar
- Value Line
- Sarasota County Library (FL) \$40 Annually\*
  - Morningstar
  - Value Line
- Brevard County Libraries (FL) \$15 Annually,\* obtain in-person
  - Morningstar
- Value Line
- Brooklyn Public Library (NY) \$50 Annually\*
  - Morningstar
- Value Line

\* Non-Resident

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### Libraries with Remote Access

- Charlotte Mecklenburg Library (NC) \$45 Annually\* (\$35 over age 62)
  - Morningstar
  - Value Line
- Richland Public Library (WA) \$40 Individual, \$75 Family, Annually\*
  - Morningstar
  - Value Line
- Fairfax County Public Library (VA) \$27 Annually\*
  - Morningstar
  - Value Line
- Houston Public Library (TX) \$40 Annually\*
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