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Influx through failed cement in shoetrack during completion operations
Well status – completion operations

- 7" liner cemented across reservoir
- Well filled with 1.54 SG OBM
- 7" liner inflow tested with base oil inside string
  - 147 bar u-tube pressure on string after pumping base oil. Set test packer.
  - Bled off to 10 bar on string side to give pressure decrease below test packer.
- Pumped up pressure back to 147 bar and released test packer with 20 ton overpull

- Not known at this point: The base oil volume pumped was too low so the inflow test pressure was insufficient; seawater gradient would result in 30 bar lower pressure at 7" shoe
Washing and displacement to sea water

- Pumped weighted wash train and displaced same with sea water through entire well, until wash train in annulus above test packer.
- Set test packer, closed prong, and opened circulation sub to circulate out wash train.
- Circulated with seawater until clean returns.

Question 1: What are the pressures in the well at this point, prior to releasing the test packer?

- Is there a pressure differential across the packer?
Prepare for displacement to heavy brine

- Released test packer (5 ton overpull), closed circulation sub and opened prong
- Observed increase in trip tank
  - Spaced out and closed UPR, total gain 1.4 m³
  - SICP stabilized at 80 bar after 5 min. IBOP was previously closed due to parallel pumping operation, so no SIDPP available
  - SICP corresponded to reservoir pressure, indicating leaking 7” shoetrack cement
- Prepared for displacing back to 1.54 SG OBM
- Meanwhile, attempted to open IBOP on DDM, no go...

- Question 2: Any comments to this situation?
Well shut in with 80 bar SICP

- Upper hydraulic IBOP appeared to be locked in **closed** position
- Lower manual FOSV appeared to be locked in **open** position

**Question 3: How would you proceed?**
- Crew attempted to pump up and equalize pressure across hydraulic IBOP, still unable to operate
- No understanding about why the lower manual FOSV was locked open
Handling the situation

• Decided to increase IBOP actuator pressure from 57 bar to 80 bar, still within operational limits
  ➢ Successful in opening IBOP

• Well killed by pumping 1.54 SG OBM

• Question 4: Why did the IBOP operational torque increase to unexpectedly high values?
• Question 5: How do you test IBOP / FOSV valves on your installation?
IBOP and FOSV investigation findings

Managed to reproduce the high operational torque in workshop
- Wear marks on ball indicating contact between ball and lock ring above

• Question 6: Do you have a tracking system for IBOP and manual FOSV?
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- 2 wear lips on bushing surface indicating possible rotation of bushing vs. crank
- No maintenance history found. Function testing under pressure not implemented.

• Question 7: How do you inspect the Top Drive installed automatic and manual valves if done offshore?
Learnings and recommendations

• Inflow test pressure was insufficient, due to insufficient detail in operational procedure
  • Include both volume and expected pressure in operational procedure
  • After inflow test, the well shall still be monitored
• No tracking system for valve maintenance
  • Notify contractors of expectation
• Valves had significant wear while still passing pressure tests
  • Suggest review of existing FOSV’s and stab-in kelly-cocks
  • Recommend to use improved valve designs, available on the market
  • Establish routines for change-out based on operational history
• Weakness in valve design was not uncovered during routine testing without pressure on valve when operating it
  • Acquire vendor operational torque values to operate valve. To be available on drill floor.
  • Discuss with vendor about routinely test-operating the valve under pressure.