MIDDLE DEVONIAN PLAY MICHIGAN BASIN OF ONTARIO

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Middle Devonian Pools of the Michigan Basin



375+ Million Barrels Michigan

> 45+ million Barrels Ontario





Outline of Presentation

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History of the Play



Oil Springs Field, Lambton County – the site of the first commercial oil well in North America

- First commercial oil discovery at Oil Springs 1858
- > 73% of oil discovered prior to 1900
- > Last major discovery in 1949
- Initial flow rates as high as 7,500 bbls/d
- Produced 45+ million barrels to date
- Some of the original pools still producing
- > Pools found mainly from oil seeps, tar beds
- > Limited and sporadic drilling in recent times



Significant Devonian Pools of Ontario

POOL NAME	DISCOVERY YEAR	CUMMULATIVE PRODUCTION (barrels)	ACTIVE
Oil Springs	1858	10,437,000	Yes
Petrolia	1862	18,798,000	Yes
Bothwell-Thamesville	1862	3,354,000	Yes
Wallacetown	1898	253,000	No
Glencoe	1917	1,139,000	No
Watford-Kerwood	1938	132,000	No
Rodney	1949	10,845,000	Yes



General Play Parameters

Stratigraphy

- Devonian Play Fairway
- Location of Pools
- Dundee Structure
- Structural Trap Formation Concept
- Summary of Play Parameters



Stratigraphic Column





Middle Devonian Play Stratigraphy





Middle Devonian Pool Fairway



Devonian Pool Fairway (Lazorek, M., and Carter, T.R., 2008)





Devonian Pool Location Map



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Dundee Structure Map







Salt-Dissolution Generated Structural Traps



Conceptual model of Devonian structural traps formed by differential salt dissolution in the Salina Group (Lazorek, M., and Carter, T.R., 2008).



Summary of Play Parameters

Key Reservoirs: Dundee Formation :

Lucas Formation:

Other Production/Shows:

Porosity: Permeability:

Trapping Seal:

Siliclastic-rich dolomite (Rodney) (from 100% sand to 100% dolomite)

Sucrosic Dolomite (Oil Springs, Petrolia) Sandstone (Glencoe)

Dundee fractured limestones Hamilton fractured shale

8 to 30% 5 to 2,500 mD

Hamilton shale, tight Dundee limestone



Summary of Play Parameters

- **Trapping Mechanism:**
- Depth of Reservoirs:
- Thickness of Overburden:
- **Exploration Methods:**
- **Drilling and Casing:**

Salt-Solution generated structural highs

- 350 to 450 feet
- 50 to 300 feet
 - Oil Seeps, tar beds, structural testing
 - Mainly cable tool and minor rotary Open-hole and cased-through and perforated

Completion:

Acidization and some frac'ing



Rodney Field Example

General Field Data

Date of Discovery: Exploration Methods: Type of Trap: Reservoir Lithology: Producing Area: Number of Producing Wells: Drilling and Casing:

Completion:

1949 Structural Testing Structural (Salt-generated) Siliclastic-rich dolomite 1600 acres 200 Producers, 100 Injectors Open-hole and cased-through and perforated Acidization and some frac'ing



Rodney Field Example

Reservoir Data

Producing Formation: Depth to Reservoir: Deepest Zone Tested: Pay Thickness: Pay Lithology Pore Types:

Porosity: Permeability: Oil Character: Water Saturation: Dundee "Columbus" Zone 360 to 430 feet Cambrian 15 to 24 feet (4 to 6 meters) Siliciclastic-rich Dolomite Intercrystalline, vuggy, fracture and intergranular 10 to 30% 5 to 2,500 mD 38 API (sour) Variable 10 to 30%



Rodney Field Example

Other Reservoir Data

Original Reservoir Pressure: Drive Mechanism: Original OOIP: Production to Date: Initial Production/Well: Peak Daily Production: Current Daily Production: Secondary Recovery:

Cores: Wireline Logs: 175 psig (1,206 kPa)
Solution Gas
18 million barrels
10.845 million barrels
2 to 118 BOPD
1,200 BOPD
60 BOPD
Water-flood on 5-spot, line and peripheral pattern
10
Basic Gr/N to Nil.



Dundee Structure Map Rodney Pools



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Rodney Pool 2D Seismic Template Line

A	Hamilton Shale	Pool Edge	Devonian Struc	ture Silurian Sa	alt Pool Edge	A Hamilton Shale
	97.00 129.00	16:.00 1	193.00 225.0	257.00 289	321.00	353.00
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Rodney Field Type Log



- 12 to 24% porosity
- Quartz-sand-rich intervals
- Dolomitized crinoidal grainstone to packsone
- > 20 foot (6 m) pay section



Use of Modern Technology

Exploration Tools

- Computer mapping of key geological tops and isopachs
- > High-resolution gravity and magnetics
- > Potential mapping of structures with 2D (3D) seismic

Waterflooding

- Successful water-flood results in the Rodney field
- > 5-spot flood pattern very effective
- > To date recovered approximately 60% of OOIP



Use of Modern Technology

Horizontal Drilling

- > To date marginal success based on 3 wells
- Challenge to make the turn within 100 to 150 feet bedrock
- Relatively thin pay zone and heterogeneous reservoir
- > Vertical permeability variable
- > Due to shallow depth, lack of significant reservoir drive
- Limited stimulation options due to proximity of overlying fresh water aquifer and underlying Lucas water zones



Future Potential

- > Remaining potential for smaller pools in 1 to 5 million barrels
- Areas within the Devonian fairway with relatively sparse drilling
- Potential to image structures with high-resolution gravity due to density contrasts of preserved sections of Salina salts.
- > Use of magnetics data (OGS dataset) to map potential faults
- Use of old-fashioned conventional geological mapping
- Use of 2D seismic to confirm structure and drill locations
- Attractive economics with relatively low cost to drill a vertical test well \$75,000 to \$80,000



Future Potential Exploration Areas



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