

INDIANAPOLIS RACE PILOT IS FOND OF SKIPPING TREE

Carl Fisher, Who Will Take Part in Next Week Championship Contest, Finds Great Pleasure

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