# Sneva in town to check on indy car



Tom Snevs was at the Mayer Motor Racing teams new heads ters in Farmington Hills last week to check on his new indy chasels.

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week.
The 1953 Indianapolls 500 winner paid a virit to an unassuming brown building amidst the vast industrial park off Eight Mile Road on Robinson

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Two Snewa chassis were being pampered by a busy group of Mayer engineers, Another car in the shop, to be divien by Howdy Holmes, was also getting, its final touches before being shipped to Indy.

We thoved here two mooths ago, explained Tyler Alexander, 'crew chief and chief engineer for Mayer. 'We're still in the process of locating our new company. We're part of the same group as McLaren.

ALEXANDER, like Sneva, is well known amongseacing circles. He's man-aged and directed numerous Formula One and Indy-car winners such as the late Peter Revson, Emerson Fittipaldi,

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James Hunt and Johnny Rutherford.
Soeva, meanwhile, has driven for Roger Penske and George Bignotti. But this season he decided to book up with Teddy Mayer, a managing partner, and Alexander.
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"WHAT APPLIES to those people at

er," Sneva said. "You can't lean back and rest on your laurels.

"If you stand still a minute in this sport — you're behind. What I talked about was preparation, communication, doing your homework, and keeping your eyes and ears open."

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Sowra recently predicted that the qualifying cutoff speed at Indy will be 200 mph and It may take an average lap speed of 210 mph to sit on the pole. "It looks like the race speed is up, he said. "This year I believe the qualifying and race speed will not be much different."

Just last week, Soeva's victorious March 83C was donated to the Speed-way Museum. The car has become ob-solete.

"They took the car I won last year and put It in a museum," Sneva said. "The cars are getting more efficient down-force. There are more stronger cars. There are no more junk cars in this field."

effects and they're now stuck to road. These race cars are going four five mph faster because of a lot of tail changes — all which make the more stable.

"The corner speeds are a lot faster with the ground effects," he said. "In more familiar with road circuits, but the ovals (Indy style) are much differ-

"We look for Sneva to break all the records," said C.E. Webster, Midwest manager for public and government at fairs for Texaco. "The engines are basically the same, but the cars are aerodynamically better."

Sneva, a former school teacher, is gunning for back-to-back Indy crowns, but he agrees with Alexander who says "it takes a certain element of luck to win."

"There are a lot of factors in winning a race," Sneva said. "Ill let you know when the race is over." For Sneva, Alexander and his crew, ito month of May is something special. Every detail must be given strict atten-tion in order to win the Greatesi Spectacle in Racing.

## Raiders hang tough, Mercy wins 6th straight

North Farmington is building itself a rong soccer team. Don't believe it? Ask Plymouth Salem. Ask Livonia

son.

The Raiders and the Rocks each took
12 abots on net, and North missed come
golden scoring chances.

"A couple of times we had wide open
nets and the girls just choked-up a bit

"North Farmington is a real good club. They're young and they've got a lot of speed. They have really im-proved," said Salem coach Ken John-

and missed the net," said first-year Raider coach Cathy Cole. Forwards Susan Mattoon and Mary

soccer

throughout the match. Jean Anzlovar was a staiwart on defense and goalle Michelle Mackie was brilliant. "We're starting to hit our peak now,"

HOT CHOICES FOR SUMMER FUN!

### Ahern makes his pitch for 128-team grid playoff plan

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The Representative Council, a board comprised of school principals and superintendents, let Ahern talk for 15 minutes, asked a couple questions and each him way.

"Geet, it went so fast. There wan't near enough time to explain everything the way I had hoped to," Ahern said. "I had some things prepared to give them so the precentation would be as brief as possible. They didn't allow much time for questions."

THE COUNCIL will not make a decision for at least another week, said Ahern. In fact, the council will continue its season through today. "Since there warn't much discussion, it's hard for me to get a feel on what they thought of the plan." Ahern said.

Ahern said he boyed that the council would at them said he boyed that the council would at least accept the MHSAA Playoff Committee's re-commendation and ma a peop playoff for next zea-son. The paper playoff would be a mythical format hared on the Ahern Plan.

"At least, if they don't like the 112-team format, then expand to 14 teams and just double the amount of teams in each region. That way, no

schedule changes would have to be many.

Ahern.

Under Ahern's 125-learn plan, champlons from league's with at or more teams would automatically qualify for the playoffs, as would teams at effiliated with leagues of air norne teams with 7-1 or better records. Other teams would be determined by a point system.

The post-season tournament would be expanded from three dates to five under the Ahern Plan. There would be one stretch where victorious teams would play three games in a span of eight days. That is the cause of much concern and may cause the MHESAA to alter or reject the Ahern Plan.

TBIS NEWIPAPER has suggested an alterna-tive to the three-game in-eight-day format. Teams about play an eight-game regular season schedule and leave the hinth week as an open date. Teams making the playoffs would begin district play on that ninth date. Teams out or playoff contention could echedule a non-league game to fill the ninth date.

Since teams will know if they will or will not make the playoffs by the fourth or fifth week, fill-ing the open date should not be a problem.

Cole said. They are starting to learn how to play together. I'm hoping to pull at least two more wins out of this sea-

FARMINGTON HILLS OUR LADY OF MERCY upped its win streak to six by blasting Bishop Gallagher 5-9 Mon-

goal scorer in the Catholic League, scored the hat-trick, her 11th, 12th and 13th of the season. Jenny Horat scored the other two Marlin goals.

Four goalies worked the shutout to Mercy. Betsy Eads and Elaine Mon tambeau in the first half and the De Mattia sisters, Margaret and Amy, in

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### Pioneers get Groves' Alvin

Greg Kampe has filled another need for Oakland University's men's baskethall team by signing sharpshooting Rob Alvin of Birmingham Groves. Alvin, a Food-4 guard-forward, was the Falcons team captain and leading scorer. He averaged 11 points, eight rebounds and five assists per game and bit 52 percent of his free throws. His play earned him Al-Eccentric honors.

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Kampe, who wasn't hired for the OU post until
all-March, never saw Alvin play but received high
ecommendations from local high school coaches.
"He fills a need," said Kampe. "We wanted to get



1964 SCHEOULE WHITE FOR & FREE BROCHUM Camp De Salos Box 1000 / Brecklyn, M149230 Phone: (517) 392-2374 White decker (418) \$53-5105 some local players, and here's a kid whose got the potential to be a good player in this league. "He can shoot the ball, and when you're putting a team together you need rebounders, passers and shooters."

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Alvin is the third player signed by Kampe. The others are 6-2 guard Scott Bittinger of Toledo St. Francis and 6-7 forward Pete Shields of Dryden.

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