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Kiwirail Locomotive Engineer Ross Allan with the commemorative Wellington to Taihape tablet during the re-enactment of the "Parliamentary Special", the first train to run on the North Island Main Trunk 100 years ago. (Full story on page 32)

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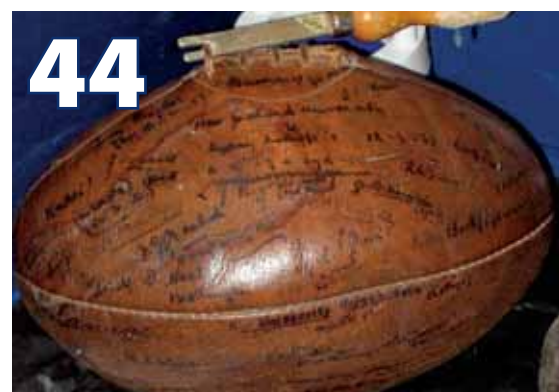
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