

Easter Egg - SOCCER BALL

Although a tiny detail, I learned that soccer balls during 1944 were made from brown leather, and would not have the familiar black and white pattern we know today. I had been sketching the current pattern when Daniela Turner, who was a small child in Florence in 1944, confirmed the difference.

"I have the answer on the soccer ball. The balls were not colored made of natural leather so the color was between yellowish and brownish. To inflate them there was not a hole. They were inflating the thing inside (as the ones in the bicycles) that was closed with a leather string as we do with the shoes."

I was careful to illustrate the soccer balls correctly in each time period in the story.