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OFF THE TRACK

In a surrealist film scenario
that was never realised
this ball appears to haunt the couple
whose wish
for the death of a third party
was realised.

At one stage the ball rolls away
across a level-crossing
through a village wood village fields forest
various Parisian landmarks including Place Vendôme
country sea beach
and comes to rest
in a luxuriant forest.

There are other ways to learn
the meaning of irretrievability.

Like the volley I was involved in
it lasted as long
as could be expected
in view of the very real danger
of concentrating more on eyes
than on the game
and the final swipe was only a little harder
than necessary but sufficient
to lose the ball forever.

That's really strange because
now you're in another court
trying to lose the colour of his eyes
and your memory refuses to play.