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Chief Fletcher's - Ball-play Song

"Tune" "Scott's o'er the Border"

Play-Play-songs of Pushmataha

Up Bull's hand leads
~~alla galya~~ whoop and fall in

Hipatt totolot - Koonchad and Chickasaws -

Okla hanalis - make ready - begin -

Rattle the terrapin - shuffle the moccasin

Follow your conqueror - he'll win the day -

Get all your plunder and never tuck under

Because a few bullies are mighty in play

Chorus - Play Play &

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Okla ha! - Rush to the half way ground

Measure your balls tickly and see that they're right

Make an agreement that those who do fall around

But if they're hurt - but never offer to fight

Many a blow and a fall the poor player gets

Many a kick that he never did earn

Many a tumble and roll in the grass and

But cunningly dodges the more he does learn -

(Chorus) Play Play &

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Ha - Ha scatter ye warriors -

Every man to his place and his pole -

Alee ha! - the ball is right over us -

Now for a struggle - and there goes a roll of

(over)

There goes the ball from the strike of that six town chap
Wap what a toss he has got for his pain
~~right~~ ~~again~~ the return being a scented butt
Down goes his neighbors who never complain
4th Chorus - Play Play &c

Look at the poles what a desperate struggle
The ball has been killed or it's bawled by that ball
Again on the ground see around it they huddle
High in the air it flies Romea told

Now for the tug between Bullies and Warriors
Conquerors singing their last cooping & yell
Cries of the wounded and shouts of the conquerors
Mingling together in one awful yell -

Chorus Play Play
Only one more and blind fortune has favored us
Oh what a harvest of plunder we've reaps
See the unfortunates limping for Amivers
Go it ye Cripples for crutches are cheap -
Ha we have won it hurrah for our conqueror
He is the fellow for cooping a ball

We'll give him a shirt and a pot of tom fuller
and the brags hell make over it will not be small
Chorus - Play Play &c

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