

# Play the Ball and Never the Man

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**CHORUS**

**Fast**

Voice

Go - ing for - ward in the van Push - ing hard as best we can

Piano

⑤

Play the ball \_\_\_\_\_ and ne - ver the man \_\_\_\_\_

⑨

On - ward on - ward in life's span On - ward on - ward is the plan

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Play the ball \_\_\_\_\_ and ne - ver the man \_\_\_\_\_

VERSE 1
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Slower

1. Yes the first rule of school An un - break - a - ble

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rule Is to go for the ball not the man

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And though there is might We will al - ways do

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right play - ing as best as we can

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## VERSE 2

In life's hur - ly bur - ly when peo - ple are

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sur - ly or scorn - ful or ob - vious - ly ri - led

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Our o - pen en - dea - vour is al - ways and

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e - ver to make a re - sponse that is mild

*Repeat Verse 1, then finish*