John Dwyer

Positions: Catcher and Leftfielder

Bats: Unknown • **Throws:** Unknown

Born: (Date unknown) in Lisbon, IL

Debut: May 16, 1882 (554th in MLB history)

Last Game: May 16, 1882

Full Name: John E. Dwyer

Nicknames: Jumbo

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Year	Age	AgeDif	Tm	Lg	Lev	Aff	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	SO	BA	OBP	SLG	OPS	TB	GDP	HBP	SH	SF	IBB
1882	--		CLV	NL	MLB	CLV	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1			0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000	0					
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All Levels (2 Seasons)							**26**	**103**	**103**	**14**	**23**	**3**	**2**	**0**	**1**			**0**	**0**	**.223**		**.291**		**30**					

Buffalo Morning Express and Illustrated Buffalo Express (Buffalo, New York) • 04 Jan 1882, Wed • Page 4

—Bair has begun to work Maud S. Her brilliant season of '81 may be eclipsed by that of '82.

—John C. Dwyer, something of a catcher, his evidently "left" for '82, and he advertises for a place.

—A base-ball association embracing teams from

Not sure if this is the right John Dwyer…

A reporter for THE FREE PRESS met Dwyer, the player who went behind the bat for the Clevelands on Tuesday, yesterday, and discoursed with him as follows:

Reporter—"Are you going to play with the Clevelands the remainder of the season?"

"No, I am going to Chicago to-day. Your report this morning does not do me justice. I can catch just as good ball as anybody, but I was sick yesterday. I did not get a moment's sleep coming down from Chicago, and was not in condition to play. Moreover, I could see from the start that Bradley was trying to break me up, and it made me nervous. He would give me the signal for an "in-shoot" ball, and then curve it away outside the plate; for a "rise" ball, and then pitch a "drop."

"Have you been playing in Chicago?"

"No. The unkindest thing you have said about me was to call me a Chicagoan. My home is in Colorado, but I have been playing in Iowa. I am no fielder. My place is behind the bat and they knew it. I can catch any man who will pitch honestly, but Bradley gave me no show. I have caught Goldsmith two hours at a time. I hope you will give me the benefit of this explanation, for I don't want to be known as a Chicagoan."

Detroit Free Press May 18, 1882 Page 1

BASEBALL.

[Special Dispatch to The Sentinel.]

DETROIT, May 16.—Nearly 1500 people saw the game between the Clevelands and Detroits. It was very close, sharp and interesting up to the close of the seventh inning. On the eighth the Detroits lit on to Bradley and pounded him badly, making four hits and four runs, of which three were earned. The Clevelands could do little with Weedman. Dwyers, an acquisition from Chicago, caught for the Clevelands in the first four innings, but was not a success, and Phillips went on to catch in the fifth inning, Easterbrook going to first and Dwyer to left. Dwyer goes back to Chicago to-night. The Clevelands played brilliantly in the field at times, but were loose in critical moments. The following is the full core:

DETROITS.	R.	1b.	PO	A.	E.	CLEVELANDS.	R.	1b.	PO	A.	E.
Wood, lf	1	2	4	0	0	Dunlap, 2b	0	0	4	3	0
Hanlon, cf	2	2	2	0	0	Glasscock, ss	0	0	2	3	2
Powell, 1b	2	2	12	0	0	Phillips, 1b-c	0	0	8	1	0
Bennett, c	2	1	6	1	1	Shaffer, rf	1	0	3	0	0
Knight, rf	1	1	1	0	1	Richmond, cf	1	0	1	1	0
McGeary, ss	0	0	1	2	0	Bradley, p	1	1	2	6	1
Farrell, 2b	0	1	0	2	0	Esterbrook, lf	0	2	6	0	0
Troy, 3b	0	1	1	3	0	Dwyer, c-lf	0	0	1	1	1
Derby, p	0	0	0	5	0	Muldoon, 3b	0	1	0	3	2
Total	8	10	27	13	2	Total	3	4	27	18	6

THE SCORE BY INNINGS.

Detroits	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	4	0—8
Clevelands	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0—3

Milwaukee Daily Sentinel May 17, 1882: 5

The Rocky Mountain News (Daily), Volume 23, May 22, 1882

strikes are called in succession."

The Detroits are beating the Clevelands badly just now. In Tuesday's game Dwyer, a dark horse, was brought by Cleveland from Chicago, but lost the game. He is a bright-looking fellow and big enough to catch a barrel, but his nervousness and over-anxiousne-s overbalanced his ability. He caught until the fifth inning, when Phillips was brought in. Esterbrook was placed on first and Dwyer sent into left field. As soon as this occurred the Detroits commenced banging the ball into left and succeeded in scoring run after run in that way.

Courier-Post (Camden, New Jersey) · 24 Mar 1883, Sat · Page 1

The New Trenton Club.

The following are the players engaged for this season: Quinton, Burke and Donohue, catchers; Hawkins and Healy, pitchers; Mc Gurk, Cronin and Dwyer on the bases; Gill, short-stop, and Goodman, Smith and one of the catchers in the outfield.

The Daily Gazette (Wilmington, Delaware) · 15 Aug 1883, Wed · Page 1

ing and Pottsville exists over the game being played now.

Dwyer, of the Trentons, has been released at his own request.

The Friendship nine and the Phœnix

The News Journal (Wilmington, Delaware) · 15 Aug 1883, Wed · Page 1

works yesterday defeated the employes of Horu's works by a score of 15 to 2.

Dwyer of the Trenton, has been released at his own request. He has business interests demanding attention.

McLaughlin of the Anthracite was re-

Dwyer with Trenton between March 24 and August 15, 1883

derstand. For instance, the outs always occur in the innings, and when a game is called it is not a called game.

JACK DWYER, late of the Trenton Club, has not yet signed with any club. He now lives in Lisbon, Ill., where he spends his time hunting prairie chickens, several hundred of which have fallen victims to his gun.

THE list of the players that have left the Unions is as follows: Corcoran, Mullane, Gunning Hawes,

Sporting Life, February 20, 1884: 3

The Times (Streator, Illinois) · 22 Jun 1885, Mon · Page 3

will make this vast sum good in one year.

—The game between the Reds and the Lisbon Blues will take place Wednesday instead of Friday. The following is a list of the players of the Lisbon club: Jack Dwyer, Covington, Ky.; J. Morahan, Covington, Ky.; Powers Bros., Albany, N. Y.; D. Dwyer, Canton, Ohio; T. Harrison, Harrisburg, P.; E. Gates, Chicago, and other good players.

Reference to being from Covington KY?

The Ottawa Free Trader (Ottawa, Illinois) · 25 Jul 1885, Sat · Page 1

Island.

Jack Dwyer, of Lisbon, caught for the Joliet Browns, in their game with the Streator Beds, yesterday.

The outlook for the Joliet races, next week,

Chattanooga Daily Times (Chattanooga, Tenn… · 28 Feb 1886, Sun · Page 6

The Gulf League is about to take definite shape.

Manager Levis sent a blank contract to Kelley, the pitcher, yesterday. Kelley will be given a trial.

The Secretary announces the following contracts received the past week that have been approved. Signed—With Nashville, E. J. Dundon, E. Smith; Augusta, Jack Dwyer; Savannah, E. S. Nolan, James Field; Chattanooga, E. C. Kent, C. E. Cross; Charleston, N. O'Neill, H. M. Koons; Macon, J. H. Maloy, D. J. Driscoll; Memphis, Charles Krehmeyer, J. D. Phelan, Edward Fusselbach, William Whitehead. Released—Nashville, Matt Schell, Love Cross, William Sowders; Memphis, Harry Lloyd, John Brennan, Charles Hamberg; Savannah, J. E. Powell.

Preparing for Base Ball.

Prof. J. S. Barnes said yesterday that the ball grounds had not yet been secured. He is considering two locations; one on the West side and the other on West Seventh street, near the Milwaukee crossing, in the vicinity of the old ball grounds. The latter location is favored and it is probable that it will be the location settled upon. Prof. Barnes has begun to sign his players and yesterday sent a contract to Jack Dwyer, Lisbon, Ill. Dwyer, who will probably play in the field, is an old and well-known player, having played in the Eastern leagues for several years. He is about 27 years old. Other men will be signed within a few days and within the next two weeks they will be here and at practice.

St. Paul Globe April 6, 1886: 4
27 years old in 1886 => 1858 - 1859 birth year

The Kansas City Times (Kansas City, Missouri) · 21 Feb 1887, Mon · Page 2

Harry Smith.
With Hastings—Frank W. Harris, H. P. Douthett, Frank Hoyt, Gus Eller, U. S. Rohrer, L. D. Welch, Floyd Lauman, H. G. Ebright, Jack Dwyer, T. J. Hines.

over Washington's right field fence, which is as often as it had been in the preceding three years.

JACK DWYER, the well-known catcher, writes from Aurora, Ill., that he has quite recovered the use of his arm, and is prepared to re-enter the diamond.

THE Boston *Globe* says Cleveland's O'Brien doesn't

Sporting Life, May 29, 1889: 4

Dwyer Straits

We list John E. Dwyer as playin one game with Cleveland, May 16, 1882. The note on the game from the Cleveland Plain Dealer did not give his first name, but said that he was from Chicago. The New York Clipper of May 27, 1882 referred to him as a "Chicago amateur". The Detroit Free Press published an interview with Dwyer shortly after his one game in which he is quoted as saying, "My home is in Colorado, but I have been playing in Iowa." He was bothered at being labeled a Chicagoan.

Joe Simenic sent me many notes from Sporting Life that referred to a Jack or a John Dwyer. These notes run from 1883-1898. The 1884 notes refer to him as being from Lisbon, Illinois which is the place of birth we currently list for him. The 1889 notes have him in Aurora, Illinois. In 1898, he is supposedly from Springfield, Ohio, although that may be for a different player. We have definitely picked up the data for the Lisbon, Illinois player; however, that might not be the Dwyer who played in the 1882 game for Cleveland. Dwyer is our *Mystery of the Month*.

Dwyer, John E. "Jumbo" 82CleN

Birth Date	*Birth Place*	*Death Date*	*B*	*T*	*HGT*	*WGT*
Unknown	Lisbon, IL	Unknown	?	?	?	?

G	*AB*	*H*	*R*	*2B*	*3B*	*HR*	*RBI*	*BB*	*SO*	*SB*
1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	—

BA	*SA*	*OBP*
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Lone Game: 5/16/82 at Detroit; caught George Bradley but was moved to LF after the 4th inning in an 8–3 loss to Detroit's Stump Wiedman

Jumbo Dwyer was an amateur who accompanied Cleveland when the Blues left Chicago for Detroit the evening of May 15. He presumably returned to Chicago the following evening after his hands "gave out at the end of the fourth and the Detroits then took hold of Bradley's pitching and pounded him all over the field." First sacker Bill Phillips finished what Dwyer had started, moving behind the bat in the fifth frame while Dwyer went to LF in place of Tom Esterbrook, who took Phillips's spot at 1B. Dwyer spent 1883 as a backup receiver to Marshall Quinton with Trenton of the Interstate Association and later caught for several crack semipro teams in the Chicago and Rock Island areas. (DN)

THE CLEVELAND LEADER:

BRACE UP! BRACE UP!

For the Eyes of a Long-Suffering Community are Upon You.

All of Yesterday's League Games, with the Full Scores Made in Each.

GOT IT AGAIN.

Special Dispatch to the Leader.

DETROIT, May 16.—The Clevelands want a catcher badly, and until they get one they will lose. Today's game was lost behind the bat. Dwyer, a dark horse, was brought by Cleveland from Chicago, but lost the game. He is a bright looking fellow and big enough to catch a barrel, but his nervousness and over-anxiousness overbalanced his ability. He caught until the fifth inning, when Phillips was brought in. Esterbrook was placed on first and Dwyer sent into left field. As soon as this occurred the Detroits commenced banging the ball into left and succeeded in scoring run after run in that way. Phillips had a finger nail knocked off in the eighth innings and Bradley had to let up. As a result three doubles and a single were secured. Phillips pluckily caught through the game but cannot play tomorrow. Bradley pitched splendidly and had he had proper support behind the bat Cleveland would have won the game. Having no reliable man in that position the team have become despondent. All of the men are playing brilliantly but the weak spot behind the bat prevents them from securing victory. They want to win and feel much worse about their defeats than Cleveland people generally do. Manager Dorcher has telegraphed for Kennedy, who will be obliged to catch tomorrow. Esterbrook played well both at bat and in the field. Shafer carried off the honors for Cleveland by making three fly catches after hard runs. Dunlap coaches the men and the defeats are no fault of his. The Detroits play a stiff game. Wood, Hanlan, Knight, Bennett, and Troy are doing good work in the field. In Weidman Detroit has a prize. He has the most deceptive delivery ever seen and is improving. Fourteen hundred people saw the game, the grand stand being comfortably filled, with fashionably dressed ladies who turn out in larger crowds than the Cleveland ladies do. George H. Bradley, appointed league umpire last week, umpired the game satis-

May 17, 1882

DETROIT, MICHIGAN, WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1882.

SPORTING MATTERS.

The Detroits Add Another to Their List of Games Won.

DOING GOOD WORK IN THE FIELD AND VERY HEAVY BATTING.

The Chicagos Pay Off Part of an Old Score Against the Buffalos.

PROVIDENCE AND WORCESTER WIN FROM TROY AND BOSTON.

Apollo Captures the Kentucky Derby—The Mayaville Trotting Meeting—Pugilism.

Base Ball.

Yesterday was a perfect one for base ball, and nearly 1,400 people witnessed the game between the Clevelands and the home club. For a time it promised to be close and exciting struggle, but the visitors were not in good form, and the nine presented yesterday was not well balanced, and lacked several elements that are indispensable for good and successful play. They tried an experiment behind the bat in the person of a big Chicagoan named Dwyer, whom they brought along as a catcher. He was not a success, and when they took the field in the fifth inning he was sent out into the left field. This was poor judgment, for while he did not do good work behind the bat, he was utterly useless in the field except to throw balls back to the diamond, and the Detroit boys faced around and sent them out to him. Bradley, too, weakened in his pitching, and was punished terribly. The nine also lacked a field captain, a point on which the Detroits are very strong, McGeary's judgment being will nigh faultless.

The game opened auspiciously for the visitors

Dwyer, c. and l. f.	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	
Muldoon, 3d	3	0	1	1	0	3	1	
Totals	39	3	5	6	27	16	4	

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Detroits	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	8
Cleveland	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3

Earned runs—Detroit, 5; Cleveland, 1.
Three-base hit—Powell.
Two-base hits—Wood, 2; Hanlon, 2; Powell, Knight, Esterbrook.
Double plays—Cleveland, 3.
Reached first base—Detroit, 16; Cleveland, 7.
Total bases reached—Detroit, 43; Cleveland, 19.
First base on hits—Detroit, 11; Cleveland, 5.
First base on errors—Detroit, 4; Cleveland, 1.
First base on called balls—Detroit, 1; Cleveland, 1.
Passed balls—Bennett, 2; Dwyer, 1.
Left on bases—Detroit, 3; Cleveland, 3.
Struck out—Powell, Weldman, Phillips, Richmond, Bradley.
Strikes caled—Off Weldman, 25; off Bradley, 27.
Balls called—On Weldman, 57; on Bradley, 68.
Umpire—Bradley.
Time of game—1:40.
Attendance—1,393.

FAIR BALLS.

Cleveland's heavy hitters had no show with Weldman yesterday.

Fog-horn Bradley's tones fell upon the ear like a forgotten strain from an old melody.

The best feature of the Cleveland game were the three double plays.

McCormick will pitch and Briody catch for Cleveland to-day.

Derby and Bennett form Detroit's battery this afternoon

Chicago, 15; Buffalo, 2; Providence, 11; Troy, 6; ten innings; Worcester, 10; Boston, 7, were the other scores yesterday.

"Eight" appears to be Detroit's figure, and it isn't "8 to 7" either.

In view of the fact that the Providence and Detroit Clubs have each lost but a single game, and that the Detroits are to play in Providence on Decoration Day, Bancroft has telegraphed to Harry Wright to fence in the State of Rhode Island for that occasion.

Monday demonstrated the fact that more grand stand accommodation is wanted at Recreation Park., The seats in the gentleman's stand were early filled, then spectators packed the landing at the entrance, and although there was considerable standing room at either end, no one could get to it. Many gentlemen bought tickets for the stand who could not gain admittance. The directors

John W Dwyer

BIRTH	1858
DEATH	1941 (aged 82–83)
BURIAL	Mount Olivet Cemetery Joliet, Will County, Illinois, USA
MEMORIAL ID	86417465 · View Source

Name:	John W. Dwire
Age:	22
Birth Date:	Abt 1858
Birthplace:	Illinois
Home in 1880:	Lisbon, Kendall, Illinois, USA
Dwelling Number:	155
Race:	White
Gender:	Male
Relation to Head of House:	Son
Marital Status:	Single
Father's Name:	Patrick Dwire
Father's Birthplace:	Ireland
Mother's Name:	Hanna Dwire
Mother's Birthplace:	Ireland
Occupation:	At Home
Attended School:	Yes
Neighbors:	View others on page

Household Members	Age	Relationship
Patrick Dwire	54	Self (Head)
Hanna Dwire	48	Wife
John W. Dwire	**22**	**Son**
Joseph Dwire	12	Son
Henry Dwire	9	Son
Nellie Dwire	18	Daughter
Katie Dwire	16	Daughter
Annie Dwire	11	Daughter

Name:	John W. Dwyer
Birth Date:	20 Apr 1858
Birth Place:	Lisbon, Ill
Death Date:	5 Jul 1941
Death Place:	Joliet, Will, Illinois
Burial Date:	8 Jul 1941
Burial Place:	Joliet, Will, Illinois
Cemetery Name:	Mt. Olivet
Death Age:	83
Occupation:	Retired
Race:	White
Marital status:	M
Gender:	Male
Residence:	Joliet, Will, Illinois
Father Name:	Patrick Dwyer
Father Birth Place:	Ireland
Mother Name:	Hannah Halhoran
Mother Birth Place:	Ireland
Spouse Name:	Emma
FHL Film Number:	1851210

PAXTON VS. RANTOUL BASE BALL CLUBS.

We have no disposition to wage a wordy war on the subject of Base Ball with the Rantoul *Journal* for several reasons, the principal of which is that the *Journal* man is supremely ignorant of the facts in the case and wants it distinctly understood that he is proud of that ignorance, deeming that "where ignorance is bliss," etc.

That *strange, strong* and *athletic* form among the Rantoul base ballists was in Paxton two days prior to the game alluded to and was so kind as to tell several members of our club that the Frank Neff alluded to by the *Journal* had telegraphed for him to come and play a game with the X. L.'s against some other club, to him unknown. That he, Dwyer, (for that was his name and he resides and farms near Lisbon, Ills.) was playing this year wherever they would pay him for it and that he had played a match game in Joliet, Ills., during the preceding week. Also that he was the catcher for one of the best amateur clubs in the United States last year (Morris White Stockings). That he had never been in Rantoul in his life and knew no one there except Frank Neff, whom he had met in the X. L. club of Newark where Neff formerly played.

The rules of the amateur association are very specific on the point that—

"No man can participate in a match game between two amateur clubs if he has played in a match game between any other clubs or with any other nine than the one with which he is offered within sixty days preceding the game at which he is offered."

Also that participation in a match game shall constitute a man a member of the club with which he plays.

That disposes of Mr. Jack Dwyre, the *strange, strong* face and *athletic* form of the X. L.'s. He was just about as competent to play in the game of the 27th ult. as Captain Spaulding of the Chicago club would have been.

Now comes the part of which the *Journal* is so proud. The entire Rantoul nine, with one exception, came to the defense of Mr. Jack Dwyer, who otherwise might have been unanimously elected the champion liar of the occasion, and swore by all the eternals that Jack was an actual resident of Rantoul; had played with them before this season; had moved to Rantoul, and even one of the nine claimed that Jack was his cousin, and was therefore of blood relationship to the X. L. club, in the face of the fact that we had men in Paxton who were personally acquainted with the strange, strong, etc., etc., the *Journal's* adopted child, and knew better.

Again, Mr. Neff pitched all but one inning in the game at Paxton, and to his credit be it said, that before he left town on that day, he stipulated in writing above his own signature.—

1st. That Jack Dwyre the *strange, strong, etc.*, never lived in Rantoul.

2d. Was never a member of the Rantoul club.

3rd. He came to Rantoul in answer to a telegram to play this game with them.

4th. That Dwyre had played a match game with other clubs than either of the contestants of July 27th, within 60 days last past.

5th. And was *hired* for this especial occasion.

He also stated in the presence of members of his own club, that it was his firm conviction that the X. L.'s did not stand aghost of a chance of winning the game without Dwyre, and he would not hazard a *cent* (although it is known that he backs his opinions) that they could win with Dwyre in.

And lastly, about two-thirds of the crowd who accompinied the X. L.'s were a MOB who are a disgrace to any town or community.

The only offensive act of Paxton towards them was to tell them so in plain language.

A number of the X. L.'s, in losing their prestage as ball players, together with their foster parent the *Journal*, have developed a remarkable tact for falsifying, as every fair minded observer of the game of July 27th will testify.

The four runs made by Rantoul in the eight inning were made during the rain when the ball was so slippery that the Paxton boys stood no show of capturing it, and Mr. Neff and Jack. Dwyre both stated to the writer of this article, in the presence of witnesses, that had it not rained during the game the Paxton club would almost certainly have beaten the X. L.'s, Dwyre and all, two to one.

Mr. Jack Dwyre the strange, strong, [illegible] *latest addition* to Rantoul, passed through [illegible] ton the day succeeding the game, and [illegible] kindly offered his services to our cl[illegible] same terms with which he served [illegible] saying his connection with that [illegible] an end for this time and he was [illegible] future engagements.

Better watch your adopted [illegible] *nal;* he seems quite as trick[illegible] Rantoul roughs, backed [illegible] wind, (he would'nt put u[illegible] one offered to cover it) [illegible] base ball reporter.

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