

## Potentially Awesome Twitter Moments in Cleveland Sports History

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Like China and Starbucks, social media is gradually taking over the world. If you're not on board, you're probably a quadruped.

At the vanguard of this revolution is Twitter, through which you can carpet-bomb the internet with hopelessly random thoughts, 140 characters at a time.

All too often, it seems that the sole purpose of Twitter is for celebrities and professional athletes to "tweet" things to their followers that are deemed controversial and land them in hot water (requiring further tweets and re-tweets to provide well-crafted clarification and thoughtful justification).

Take Chris Perez's "you-hit-us-we-hit-you" tweet following the Tribe-Kansas City fight a couple weeks back. Cost him \$750 (roughly 36 cents to you or me) after Major League Baseball decided to take disciplinary action for reasons beyond the understanding.

A few days after that, Josh Cribbs tweeted "mea culpa" to a speeding ticket and made headlines. Over the past two years, tweets have cost Tony Grossi his job and Dan Gilbert his credibility.

Poo-poo it all you want, but Twitter is an Oldsmobile-sized part of modern American culture. The term "What's happening?" - once slathered all over an irritating 1970s sitcom - is now the battle cry of an electronically intertwined society feverish to find out just that.

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Clearly, this is a very different sports world than the one we grew up in - one in which you used to have to open your mouth in front of a reporter to state your opinion (and/or make an ass out of yourself).

But you know if the technology had been there, athletes, coaches, and owners would have been utilizing Twitter over the past century much in the same way they're using it today.

So naturally, considering our teams' Twitter track record (or would it be "twack record"?), we're led to wonder just what would have been tweeted following some of the more memorable moments in Cleveland sports history.

Wonder no more, constant reader...

*May 7, 1989*

**craig\_ehlo 3:** Had my hand in his bridgework and was basically inside his Air Jordans. What the hell could I do? Oh well - we'll be back next year. We ARE the team of the 90s. #theshot

*December 27, 1964*

**coachcollier:** This feels incredible. We can't make these people wait 50 years before we do this again! #64champs

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*January 4, 1981*

**siperbowl81:** Probably should have thrown that last pass away. #redright88

**cockroftkicker:** Yeah, you should. Dammit. @siperbowl81

**siperbowl81:** Why? So you could miss another FG? LOL

**cockroftkicker:** Field was like marble, yo.

**siperbowl81:** Think I don't know that? My ass is now flat and I can't remember my middle name.

**DLogan85:** I was open.

*October 5, 1996*

**ralomar12:** Wow - spitting in an umpire's face worked out perfectly! #unsuspended

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*May 15, 1981*

**largelennybarker:** Who has two thumbs and just threw the only perfect game in Cleveland history? This guy! #barkerperfect

**AddieJossGhost:** Wait...what the hell?

*January 11, 1987*

**johnelwayteeth:** 98 yds - no prob! Anybody else get the feeling I just launched my career with one possession? Now it's on to a Bronco victory in the Super Bowl! #thedrive

*April 4, 1994*

**dickjacobs:** So we go from getting no-hit through 7 to winning in 11? Symbolism, baby! This new ballpark is going to turn this franchise around! #thejake

**prez\_bill\_clinton:** Thanks for having me! @dickjacobs @monicalewinsky

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*February 5, 1991*

**HowGreatThouArt:** This Belichick guy is going to be the greatest coach in NFL history.  
#brownsnewcoach

**belichickyb:** Can I borrow some blank video tapes? #spygate

**manGenius:** I'll hook you up, Coach!

*December 17, 1995*

**bigdawg:** Just tossed my bleacher plank onto the field. Should've shellacked it w/BBQ sauce & eaten it. #lastgameincleveland

*April 29, 1976*

**joe\_tait:** Vocal chords shredded. Lost 30 pounds in one night. Almost got killed by onslaught of fans rushing court. Hope they make an LP out of this. #miracleofrichfield

*April 17, 1999*

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**carmenpolicytweets:** This Tim Couch kid is going to be the next Joe Montana. #CouchNo1

**dwight\_clark:** We know, 'cause we made the 49ers awesome.

**silverbillwalsh:** WTF?

*September 29, 1954*

**Vic\_Wertz\_23:** How in hell do you build a stadium where you can hit a baseball 460 feet and have it NOT be a home run? #54Sweep

**GoWillieMays:** Say Hey! #TheCatch

**Vic\_Wertz\_23:** Up yours.

*September 10, 1989*

**clay\_matthews:** The Browns freakin' own the Steelers! I can't see us ever losing to them!  
#51-0

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*August 12, 1994*

**dickjacobs:** Tribe in contention for 1st time in 35 yrs! Printing playoff tix this afternoon!  
#nostrike94

**DonaldFehr:** Dude...might want to hold off on that.

*November 12, 1970*

**Nick\_Mileti:** Finally - the Cavs' 1st win! We're really going to turn it around!! #didthecavswin

**CoachBillFitch:** I'm now addicted to painkillers. #expansionishell

*October 17, 1995*

**Kenny7Lofton:** Didja see the look on Randy Johnson's face when I slid into home under him?  
Scoring from 2nd on a passed ball - what a way to win the pennant! #95alcs

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**BigUnit:** For the rest of my life, Kenny Lofton will haunt my 6-foot-10-inch dreams.

*January 14, 1990*

**mighty\_minni31:** Damn, Elway was unstoppable today. No way Denver gets blown out in the Super Bowl this time. #denverchokesagain

*July 31, 1932*

**PlainDealer:** This new Municipal Stadium is a palace. Makes League Park look like a hobo...So slick & cutting-edge... #newclestadium

**Random\_CLE\_Fan:** Love the pillars!

*November 8, 1993*

**berniebernie:** Coach Bill just called me in for 1-on-1 meeting. Must want to talk about our playoff drive. #abouttobecut

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**belichickyb:** Your tweeting skills are diminishing. @berniebernie

**ToddPhilcox17:** uiuqp^xoai%ourew8iouna\$\*jakd>jl

**belichickyb:** Mr. Philcox, you're brilliant.

*April 16, 1940*

**RapidRobert19:** Wow. No-hitter on opening day is great. But baseball is so crazy, somebody else will probably do it next year. #fellerno-no

*September 12, 1999*

**carmenpolicytweets:** We may have lost a 43-0 heartbreaker in our 1st game, but we'll be a playoff team by season's end. Just need some teeny-weeny changes. #brownsareback

**coachpalmer99:** I'm driving a runaway train. #killmenow

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*January 17, 1988*

**erniebyner44:** Everybody just shut the fuck up. #thefumble

*July 15, 1994*

**AlbertBelleTower:** Can't believe those a\*\*holes took my bat. I ain't corkin'. #batgate

**JGrimley:** Yo Albert - got your bat, but now I'm stuck in the ceiling over umpires' room.

**AlbertBelleTower:** LMAO! UR hilarious.

**JGrimley:** No...seriously.

*December 27, 1988*

**HowGreatThouArt:** There are lots of coaches out there better than Schottenheimer. Browns won't miss a beat. #martyquits

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**mschottzie:** 10 years from now, this team will not exist. #jumptheshark

*October 26, 1997*

**mesacloser:** Just because you build a career on a good fastball doesn't mean you should use it with a World Series on the line. Who's with me? #game7

*January 3, 1987*

**berniebernie:** I play like Mark Malone and still set playoff records. We come back from 10 down in 4 mins & win in 2 OT. God clearly wants us in the Super Bowl. #jetsOT

**m\_gastineau86:** You're welcome.

*October 11, 1948*

**Veck\_as\_in\_Wreck:** We just drew 2.6 million fans, won the 1st ever AL playoff & then the World Series. Cleveland will always be the baseball capital of the world! #TribeWorldChamps

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*November 6, 1995*

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**HowGreatThouArt:** I will never move the Browns. #brownsforever

8:44 a.m.

**HowGreatThouArt:** I am moving the Browns to Baltimore. #ravensnow

9:26 a.m.

**HowGreatThouArt:** I had no choice - I love crab meat. #imadick

You can only imagine how many followers these guys would have picked up in these historic moments...and how social media would have enriched the entire experience for the rest of us.

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