

= William Wurtenburg =

William Charles " Bill " Wurtenburg (December 24 , 1863 ? March 26 , 1957) was an American college football player and coach . Born and raised in Western New York to German parents , Wurtenburg attended the prestigious Phillips Exeter Academy , where he played football . He enrolled in classes at Yale University in 1886 and soon earned a spot on the school 's football team . He played for Yale from 1886 through 1889 , and again in 1891 ; two of those teams were later recognized as national champions . His 35 @-@ yard run in a close game in 1887 against rival Harvard earned him some fame . Wurtenburg received his medical degree from Yale 's Sheffield Scientific School in 1893 .

The following year , the United States Naval Academy hired him to coach their football team . He led the squad to a 4 ? 1 ? 2 record for the season , including a 1 ? 1 ? 1 record against rival schools . He then accepted a coaching job at Dartmouth College , where for the next four years he led them to perfect records against both of their Triangular Football League opponents . They had a winning record the first year and a 5 ? 2 ? 1 record the second year . In 1899 , his fifth season as coach , his team went 2 ? 7 and lost both of its conference games .

After ending his coaching career , Wurtenburg spent several years acting as a referee for Yale 's football team . His final contribution to football was publishing a book about Yale football in the early 20th century . Around 1904 , Wurtenburg began pursuing a career as a physician . He set up a medical office near his house in New Haven , Connecticut , and became an ear , nose and throat specialist . Wurtenburg maintained his medical office until at least 1920 . He died in 1957 at the age of 93 , in New Haven .

= = Early life and college = =

William Wurtenburg was born on December 24 , 1863 , in Clarksburg , a hamlet in Erie County , New York . He was the son of George M. Wurtenburg and Elizabeth Hochschild , who immigrated from Germany in 1848 . William attended primary school in the Clarksville public school system . For secondary schooling he attended the Griffith Institute in Springville , New York and then Forestville Academy before gaining admittance to Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter , New Hampshire . At Phillips Exeter , Wurtenburg competed in field events at the school 's spring athletic events . In 1884 , he was a well @-@ recognized member of the school 's competitive football team . He served as quarterback and team captain in 1885 , leading the team to a 29 ? 11 victory over rival Phillips Academy . In his senior year , 1886 , he placed first in standing broad jump with weights and running broad jump , with jumps of about 12 and 18 feet (3 @.@ 7 and 5 @.@ 5 m) , respectively . Upon graduation from Phillips Exeter , Wurtenburg entered Yale University .

Wurtenburg began taking medical classes on his arrival at Yale , and joined the football team partway through his freshman year . By the following season , he was playing backup halfback to freshman Harmon S. Graves , although he occasionally filled in as a fullback . The 1887 squad , later recognized as the national champion , went 9 ? 0 and outscored their opponents 515 ? 12 ; this included a 106 ? 0 shutout of Wesleyan . During this season Wurtenburg made his most famous play : with Yale leading rival Harvard by a score of 11 ? 8 late in the season 's final contest , Wurtenburg made " a brilliant run " of 35 yards and scored a touchdown , which secured the game for Yale . He was credited as one of the people who made the game " undoubtedly the finest ever played in America " , according to writer Richard Melancthon Hurd .

The following year Wurtenburg shifted into his former position at quarterback . He took the starting spot and became a leader of the team . Wurtenburg developed his own unique style at quarterback , regularly attempting " long , low , underhand passes " to his teammates to help set up scoring plays . That year , the Yale team shut out every single one of its opponents and was later recognized as a national champion . At the same time , Wurtenburg played on the school 's baseball team , where he would regularly score three or four runs a game . In September of his graduating year , 1889 , Wurtenburg announced that he would be entering the Sheffield Scientific School . At the Exeter Club 's first annual banquet , held that year , Wurtenburg was asked to present a toast to represent the

club 's athletics . In 1890 , he served as the co @-@ editor of The Yale Banner , one of the school 's yearbooks . Wurtenburg played his final season of football at the university in 1891 , after apparently giving up his spot on the team following the 1889 season . However , he was thrown out of the final game of the season , against Princeton , and Frank Barbour was given a guaranteed starting @-@ quarterback slot for the rest of the time Wurtenburg was at Yale . Wurtenburg graduated in 1893 , when he received his Doctorate in Medicine (M.D.) .

= = Career and later life = =

= = = 1890s = = =

In 1894 , Wurtenburg was hired to replace former Yale teammate John A. Hartwell as the head coach of the US Naval Academy football team . Hartwell 's 1893 team had amassed a record of 5 ? 3 , including a win over rival Army and a loss to rival Penn . Wurtenburg began his coaching career on October 6 , leading his team to a 6 ? 6 tie with the Elizabeth Athletic Club of New Jersey at Worden Field on the Naval Academy campus in Annapolis . His first win as a coach came over two weeks later , on October 21 , in a 12 ? 0 shutout of rival Georgetown ; it was followed by a defeat of the Carlisle Indian School . His first and only loss of the season came on October 27 , at the hands of rival Penn in a 12 ? 0 shutout . At about that time , Wurtenburg left the country and traveled to Germany to complete his medical studies . The team recovered and defeated Lehigh on November 3 , then tied rival Penn State . The season ended two weeks after that match with a 30 ? 6 defeat of Baltimore City College . The team did not compete against their major rival Army that year , after violent fights between fans the previous year ; President Grover Cleveland banned the game , which would not be played again until it was reinstated in 1899 by Theodore Roosevelt . Sometime during November , Wurtenburg returned from Germany along with fellow Yale medical graduate A.S. Cheney , and announced his intention to practice medicine in New Haven . That year he received certification , and he expressed interest in eye , throat , and ear treatment .

Wurtenburg did not remain at the Naval Academy the following year and was replaced as head coach by Matthew McClung . He instead accepted a position as the head coach of the Dartmouth team , starting in the fall of 1895 . The season began with a 50 ? 0 shutout of his former school , Phillips Exeter . This was followed by a loss and a tie , which were succeeded by back @-@ to @-@ back wins . His team dropped two games to Yale and one to Army , but managed to defeat former Triangular Football League opponent MIT . After that , Wurtenburg led his team to three straight victories , including wins over both Triangular Football League opponents . Although the season ended with a loss to Brown , Dartmouth was awarded the Triangular Football League championship . On November 20 of that year , Wurtenburg married Anna Phillips , daughter of Jason W. Phillips , whom he met while at Chautauqua in 1893 . The wedding took place at Springfield , in Phillips ' home state of Ohio ; it was called " a brilliant event " by the Boston Daily Globe and was attended by Ohio 's governor @-@ elect Asa S. Bushnell and his wife . After the wedding , they moved to a permanent residence in New Haven .

He returned to coach Dartmouth the following year . He began by leading his team to a 30 ? 0 shutout of the Worcester Athletic Club on October 3 . His team dropped the next two games , both scoreless losses to Penn and Yale , but finished the month with a win . The second half of the season went much better , with Wurtenburg leading his squad to a 3 ? 1 record , including a 42 ? 0 total score against conference opponents . The team ended the season with a 5 ? 2 ? 1 record and a second consecutive conference championship . Wurtenburg retained his coaching position the next season , beginning the year with a blowout of Phillips Exeter , which was followed by three consecutive shutout losses . The team turned the season around in November , defeating Amherst and Williams by a combined score of 106 ? 0 for a third consecutive championship . He ended the season with a 4 ? 3 record and a secure position as the coach for the next year .

In 1898 , Wurtenburg 's Dartmouth squad went 5 ? 6 , but outscored their opponents 205 ? 137 . Beginning the season with a win over Phillips Exeter , the team went 4 ? 1 in October . Wurtenburg

's team began the month with a shutout loss to Harvard , but recovered to win four straight games , defeating their conference opponents by a combined score of 74 ? 12 . In November and December , however , his team lost all five matches , managing only 28 points . In his final year as a coach , Wurtenburg suffered the worst record of his career . After winning the first two games of the season , his team dropped the remaining seven , only able to put up 12 points . He also suffered his first conference losses , falling to opponents Williams and Wesleyan by a combined score of 23 ? 10 . Wurtenburg was replaced as coach the following year by one of his former players , Frederick E. Jennings . After the conclusion of his coaching career , Wurtenburg opened up his first medical office , operating a short distance from his New Haven home .

= = = 1900s and death = = =

Even after the turn of the century , Wurtenburg remained involved with the Yale football program . In 1900 , he participated in the annual football team 's spring scrimmage , playing on the school 's " varsity " team . He was repeatedly selected by the university to act as an official in their home games ; he was the school 's referee in 1900 and 1901 , and returned to the position two years later , in 1903 . He expanded his officiating role in 1904 , when he served in three games . For one of those matches , Wurtenburg moved to the position of umpire . Sometime between 1915 and 1925 , Wurtenburg collected a series of newspaper articles and self @-@ published them in a book titled Scrapbook of Newspaper Clippings about Yale Football . At some point around 1904 , Wurtenburg began to dedicate himself to a career as a physician . He received official membership in the American Medical Association and the New Haven Medical Society as a physician specializing in otorhinolaryngology , specifically in ear and nose treatment . By 1909 , he had shifted his focus to the treatment of ear ailments , and occasionally served well @-@ known locals . He retained his membership with the Connecticut State Medical Society until at least 1920 , maintaining his Elm Street office the entire time . Wurtenburg died on March 26 , 1957 , in New Haven , at the age of 93 . A year after his death , Yale established the William G. Wurtenberg Scholarship from his bequest . The scholarship " is to be awarded to a member of the senior class who demonstrates character , leadership qualities , and promise of future usefulness " . Although rarely acknowledged for his influence on Dartmouth football , Wurtenburg is considered by his Dartmouth peers as having brought the program to prominence . Fred Crolius , captain of Wurtenburg 's 1898 team , would later state that :

One man , whose influence more than any other one thing , succeeded in laying a foundation for Dartmouth 's wonderful results , but whose name is seldom mentioned in that connection is Doctor Wurtenberg , who was brought up in the early Yale football school . He had the keenest sense of fundamental football and the greatest intensity of spirit in transmitting his hard earned knowledge . Four critical years he worked with us filling every one with his enthusiasm and those four years Dartmouth football gained such headway that nothing could stop its growth .

= = Head coaching record = =