Dan Wathen named head athletic trainer at YSU

Dan Wathen, formerly an assistant trainer at the University of Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky University has been named head athletic trainer at YSU.

Wathen succeeds Gary Giffen, who has accepted a position at Miamisburg (O.) High School.

A doctoral student in the exercise physiology program at Kent State University the past year, Wathen has been working as a training assistant this past summer for the Cleveland Browns.

Wathen, 26, is a native of four state championships.

Bardstown, Ky. and graduated from St. Jošeph's Prep in that city. He earned a bachlor of arts degree in physical education from the University of Kentucky and a master of arts degree in physical education from Eastern Kentucky University.

He is also an eight-time Kentucky state weightlifting champion. During the summers of 1970-75 he served as weightlifting coach and trainer for the Breckinridge Job Corps Center in Morganfield, Ky., where he coached weightlifting teams to four state championships.