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ROYALS NAME NICK KENNEY HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER

KANSAS CITY, MO (October 22, 2009) – The Kansas City Royals announced today that they have hired **Nick Kenney** as the club's Head Athletic Trainer.

"We have hired one of the most highly respected trainers in the game," Royals General Manager Dayton Moore said. "Nick brings a high level of energy, enthusiasm and expertise to the Royals organization. I'm extremely confident that he will lead and direct our medical programs in a very progressive and dynamic manner."

Kenney spent the past five seasons as a Major League Assistant Athletic Trainer for the Cleveland Indians. In 2007, under the direction of Head Trainer Lonnie Soloff, the Indians athletic training and medical staffs were recognized as baseball's best by a membership of their peers, the Professional Baseball Athletic Trainers Society and Baseball Prospectus. Kenney joined the Indians after serving as an Assistant Athletic Trainer for the Cincinnati Reds from 2003-04. Bringing a strong clinical and strength and conditioning background to the Royals, Kenney also worked for two years as the program manager of sports medicine for TriHealth, the official medical provider for the Reds, and noted Reds team doctor, Dr. Timothy Kremchek, and for seven seasons as the head trainer for the Cincinnati Cyclones professional hockey club.

A graduate of Wilmington College of Ohio, Kenney is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association. He and his wife, Patty, have four children: Paige, Colin, Nathan and Madison.

Royals former Head Athletic Trainer Nick Swartz announced his retirement on September 25 after 33 years of service with the club.

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