

WASHINGTON, April 25.—In addition to securing "Patsy" Donovan for manager, the Washington Club has signed "Lefty" Davis to play centre field and "Jiggs" of the Chicago Club for first baseman.

INTERNATIONAL FENCING.

Competition for American Team Positions Will Be Held Here in August.

A team of three men, with three substitutes, will be sent to St. Louis in September to compete in the international fencing championship, which is the most important fencing event in the Olympic games series. The fencing contests at St. Louis will be held on Sept. 8, 9, and 10. In the international event it is expected that teams from several foreign countries will be entered, and special efforts will be made by the Amateur Fencers' League of America to pick the strongest possible fencers for St. Louis. Foils only will be used in this contest, but in the individual fencing contests there will be events in foils, sabres, dueling swords, and the single stick.

The officers of the Fencers' Club in this city have announced that they will open their rooms during the month of August in order to allow all fencers who may wish to try for team positions to practice. A series of trying out contests will also be held previous to the final selection of the team. As great care will be shown in picking the substitutes as the regular team of three. This is the first time in the history of the Fencers' Club that its rooms have been offered to fencers in general, apart from special invitation. Fencers from Boston and Philadelphia may use the rooms of the club for their preliminary work, if they so desire, and the best fencing judges will be asked to officiate at the bouts for team positions.

The Intercollegiate Fencing Association voted against sending a team, as it was considered impossible to get the college men together at that time. There may be several college fencers in the individual events, and one or more teams may enter from individual college fencing clubs.