

A FTER being hit by injuries at the start of the season, Leicester City have been able to field something more like their strongest team in recent matches. Goalkeeper Gordon Banks, who broke his wrist in a pre-season friendly with Northampton before the season began, has reappeared in the last five games.

The right-back position has had three occupants to date, Clive Walker and Len Chalmers appearing there before manager Matt Gillies switched John Sjoberg from centre-half. Sjoberg is no stranger to full-back, for this Aberdeen born player of Danish descent has played there often in the past.

His partner Ritchie Norman, one of Leicester's most consistent defenders, has missed only 11 games in five years, two of them this season.

Bob Roberts, the former Motherwell player whom Leicester signed at a big fee just over two years ago, has been regular choice this season at right-half, but no fewer than four players have figured at left-half.

In the absence of skipper Colin Appleton, who missed the first nine games following a cartilage operation during the summer, Leicester called on Graham Cross, Ian King and Bill McDerment in this berth. With Appleton back, King has been switched to his usual position at centre-half.

Jack Sinclair, signed from Dunfermline during the summer, has played at outside-right in all games but one, when he switched to outside-left. He is top goalscorer to date. Former Hibernian inside-forward **Dave Gibson**, seven times a Scottish international, has been ever-present this season, figuring in three games at insideleft and the rest at inside-right.

Leicester's attack is led by big Derek Dougan, who has returned to First Division Football from Peterborough after previous service with Portsmouth, Blackburn Rovers and Aston Villa. Dougan played his tenth international for Ireland three weeks ago. He is not related to Max Dougan, City's right-half choice last week.

Jimmy Goodfellow had six games at inside-left before twice deputising for Dougan. He was leading scorer last season with 11 goals in 29 games.

Apart from one match, Mike Stringfellow has been the sole choice this season at outside-left. He joined Leicester from Mansfield Town at a substantial fee just under four years ago, when he was 18.

## THEIR MANAGER

S a young man Matt Gillies A was destined for a medical career and was studying to that end in Scotland when the war broke out. He joined the R.A.F. and while stationed near Blackpool his prowess in unit games came to the notice of Bolton Wanderers, for whom he played in war-time matches, prior to signing professional forms after demobilisation. As Bolton's captain and centre-half, he played over 150 games before joining Leicester City in 1952. Four years later he gave up playing and became Leicester's coach. He took over as manager after Dave Halliday left in November 1958, and has taken Leicester twice to Wembley, in 1961 and 1963.

## THEIR MARKSMEN

League: Sinclair 6, Dougan 5, Goodfellow 4, Gibson 3, Stringfellow 2, Sjoberg 1, Sweenie 1.

League Cup: Roberts 1.