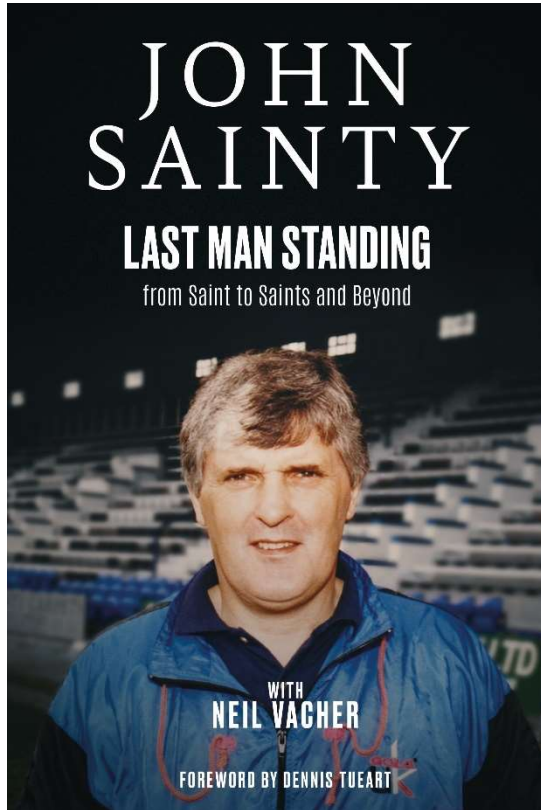




Title information



Last Man Standing

John Sainty, from Saint to Saints and Beyond

By Neil Vacher

Key features

- John Sainty dedicated his life to football, whether it be scoring goals, talking tactics or driving the team bus
- On 1 April 2023, former player, coach, manager and director Sainty died suddenly at the age of 76
- A career in football that spanned every level, from non-league to Premier League, and brought him into contact with some of the game's leading players and personalities
- Fortunately, before his passing, John had begun working on his autobiography with football writer Neil Vacher, a follower of the game for more than 60 years
- Those in football who knew John best – including Dennis Tueart, Neil Warnock, Kevin Reeves, Dave Jones, Terry Dyson and Ted MacDougall – provide special insight
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

Last Man Standing is the compelling story of former footballer, coach, manager and director John Sainty. Sainty often operated 'under the radar' but was well respected by the game's senior figures. Schooled as a player in the 1960s at Tottenham, his coaching ability was spotted at Boumemouth by John Bond, whom he followed to Norwich and Manchester City, where his measured approach proved an ideal foil to the brashness of Bond. In the 1990s, Sainty assisted Danny Bergara and Dave Jones at Stockport before Jones took him to Southampton, where he later became academy director, with the likes of Gareth Bale, Adam Lallana and James Ward-Prowse all passing through his care in their formative years. John had begun working on his autobiography with football writer Neil Vacher before his sudden death in 2023. Determined to do John's story justice, Neil brought this labour of love to fruition with the help of John's former colleagues. It's the story of a man who dedicated his life to football.

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