

= Levi Mackin =

Levi Alan Mackin (born 4 April 1986) is a semi @-@ professional footballer who plays as a midfielder for Welsh Premier League club Rhyl .

Mackin started his career with Wrexham in their youth system , before making his first team debut on the last day of the 2003 ? 04 season . He made 11 appearances the following season and he signed his first professional contract in 2005 . He established himself in the team in the 2005 ? 06 season , having made 19 appearances . However , next season , appearances became rarer and in 2008 he was loaned to Conference Premier team Droylsden . After being recalled by Wrexham , he scored in their final game in the Football League before relegation to the Conference Premier . He joined York City on loan in 2009 and played for them in the 2009 FA Trophy Final at Wembley Stadium . After being released by Wrexham he signed for York permanently and played in the 2010 Conference Premier play @-@ off Final at Wembley . He was released by York in 2011 before having spells with Alfreton Town , Chester , Bangor City and Conwy Borough .

Born in England , Mackin has represented Wales at international level . He was on the substitutes ' bench twice for the under @-@ 17 team , before making an appearance in 2002 . He received call ups to the under @-@ 19 team but did not make any appearances . Having received his first call up for the under @-@ 21 team in 2005 , he made his first and only appearance against Northern Ireland in 2006 .

= = Club career = =

= = = Wrexham = = =

Mackin was born in Chester , Cheshire and grew up in nearby Blaenau . He played for Blaenau Youth Club in their under @-@ 12 team and in the 1997 ? 98 season was named League Player of the Year . He played for hometown club Chester City as a schoolboy before moving to Wrexham on the same basis at the age of 15 . He progressed through their youth system and he captained them in an FA Youth Cup game against Watford . He helped the youth team win a league championship , which resulted in him being given a squad number with the first team . He made his first team debut at the age of 18 after starting in a 1 ? 1 draw at Wycombe Wanderers on 1 May 2004 , the final game of the 2003 ? 04 season . His first appearance of the 2004 ? 05 season came as a 50th minute substitute in a 2 ? 2 draw with Hull City in the League Cup on 24 August 2004 , which Wrexham won 3 ? 1 in a penalty shoot @-@ out . Mackin made his first league appearance of the season in a 5 ? 1 defeat at Luton Town as a 63rd @-@ minute substitute on 6 November 2005 and his first start came on 11 December in a 3 ? 0 defeat at Milton Keynes Dons (MK Dons) as a replacement for the suspended Darren Ferguson . He suffered from a sore thigh in January 2005 and he made his return to the team as an 88th @-@ minute substitute in a 0 ? 0 draw with MK Dons on 26 February . He fouled Steve Jenkins inside the penalty area during stoppage time at Swindon Town on 19 March , which led to Sam Parkin scoring a penalty kick , the final goal in a 4 ? 2 defeat for Wrexham . He finished the season with 11 appearances and signed his first professional contract after the end of the season on 11 July 2005 .

Mackin drew praise from manager Denis Smith after scoring against Hereford United in a pre @-@ season friendly in July 2005 , saying " We wouldn 't keep persevering with him if we didn 't think he was any good " . His first appearance of the 2005 ? 06 season came as a 90th @-@ minute substitute in a 1 ? 0 defeat at Notts County . He sustained a knee injury during a 1 ? 0 victory over Darlington on 29 October 2005 , which resulted in him being substituted in the 31st minute . He spent nearly three months injured before rejoining the squad for training towards the end of January 2006 and he made his return to the team on 4 February after coming on as a 20th @-@ minute substitute in a 2 ? 0 victory over Wycombe . He finished the season with 19 appearances for Wrexham , having established himself as a regular member of the team . He entered negotiations over a new contract in June 2006 , which he signed in July .

His first appearance of the 2006 ? 07 season was in a 0 ? 0 draw with Peterborough United on 12 August 2006 , a game he entered as a 59th @-@ minute substitute . The next game he played in was a 4 ? 1 victory at Championship team Sheffield Wednesday in the League Cup on 23 August 2006 . Mackin suffered a knee injury during a reserve team game in September 2006 and he made his return as a 90th @-@ minute substitute in a 4 ? 1 defeat after extra time at Birmingham City of the Championship in the League Cup second round on 19 September . He picked up another knee injury in October 2006 and he made his return in a 2 ? 1 defeat to MK Dons on 14 October . An injury to Mark Jones allowed Mackin back into the team for a 4 ? 0 defeat to Boston United on 9 December 2006 . His 2006 ? 07 season finished with 11 appearances as opportunities in the team were " frustratingly rare " and he was offered a new long @-@ term contract by Wrexham in May 2007 .

His first appearance of the 2007 ? 08 season came as a 75th @-@ minute substitute in a 2 ? 0 defeat at Darlington on 11 August 2007 and following a 2 ? 1 defeat at Bradford City on 25 August he said " I 'm pleased with my form at the moment because I 've been working hard to try and stay in the team and I 'm happy that things seem to be going well for me at the moment " . Mackin joined Conference Premier team Droylsden on a one @-@ month loan on 24 January 2008 , having made seven appearances for Wrexham up to that point during the season . He made his debut in a 1 ? 0 victory over Kidderminster Harriers and on 31 January 2008 the loan was extended until the end of the season after earning " rave reviews " for his performances . His only goal for Droylsden came in the 70th minute against Torquay United on 1 April 2008 , which was their only goal in a 2 ? 1 defeat . He made 15 appearances and scored one goal for Droylsden before returning to Wrexham after being recalled from the loan in April 2008 . The four appearances he made following his return were described as " battling " , and the last of these included his first goal for Wrexham in a 4 ? 2 win at Lincoln City on 3 May , which was Wrexham 's final game in the Football League before their relegation to the Conference Premier . He later commented " I got a little touch on it and I 'm not sure if the defender got the final touch but it went straight in and I 'm very pleased with it ! " He finished the season with 11 appearances and one goal for Wrexham , with opportunities in the team again being rare .

A muscle strain forced Mackin to miss a pre @-@ season friendly against Shrewsbury Town in July 2008 and he returned to pre @-@ season training later that month . He was shown a red card after picking up two yellows in his first appearance of the 2008 ? 09 season , which was Wrexham 's first game in the Conference Premier , as the team beat Stevenage Borough 5 ? 0 on 9 August 2008 . On reflection , Mackin said " As for the second yellow I felt the ball was there to be won and I thought that 's what I did . Looking back now I know I should have stayed on my feet " . He was handed a one @-@ match suspension and he returned to the team in a 1 ? 1 draw at Rushden & Diamonds on 17 August 2008 . Mackin scored his first goal of the season with a 25 yard " rocket " at Grays Athletic , which was Wrexham 's only goal in a 2 ? 1 defeat on 20 September 2008 . Despite starting the season as a regular in the team , he found opportunities in the team hard to come by after the arrival of Dean Saunders as manager .

= = = York City = = =

He joined fellow Conference Premier team York City on loan until the end of the season on 22 January 2009 , after having made 20 appearances and scored one goal for Wrexham up to that point during the season . Following the move , Mackin said " I need a change of scenery . We have a large number of players at the Racecourse at present and it 's difficult to get into a side that 's doing well and getting the results " . He made his debut in a 2 ? 1 defeat at Eastbourne Borough on 24 January 2009 and he was described as looking " off the pace " . Mackin played for York in their 13 ? 12 penalty shoot @-@ out victory at home to Kidderminster in the FA Trophy third round on 12 February 2009 , which had finished 1 ? 1 after extra time . A tight thigh resulted in him missing a game against Oxford United in April 2009 and he made his return later that month in a 0 ? 0 at Barrow . Following the close of the league season , Mackin was described as one of York 's most consistent performers throughout the season . He started in the 2009 FA Trophy Final at Wembley

Stadium on 9 May 2009 , which York lost 2 ? 0 to Stevenage , during which he was " hardly noticed " before receiving a yellow card for " scything down " Darren Murphy . He finished the loan spell with 21 appearances , and after returning to Wrexham he was released after spending around a decade with the club .

Mackin signed for York permanently on a one @-@ year contract on 22 May 2009 . After signing , manager Martin Foyle said " Levi was fantastic for us and came on in leaps and bounds . He was one of our most consistent players , but I know there 's more to come from him . " He appeared in the opening game of the 2009 ? 10 season , a 2 ? 1 defeat at Oxford on 8 August 2009 , and was a " strong presence in the City midfield in a very committed performance " . Mackin played against former club Wrexham in a 1 ? 0 defeat on 18 August 2009 and following the game he said " We are nearly there . We 're all putting in the hard work and we 're not that far away from gelling into a good team . The signs are there " . A foot infection led to him missing a game at Gateshead on 25 August 2009 and he made his return in a 2 ? 0 victory over Crawley Town as an 84th @-@ minute substitute on 5 September 2009 . His first start since 22 August 2009 came in a 2 ? 2 draw with Cambridge United on 22 September to fill in for Alex Lawless . This was the first of five consecutive games to be started by Mackin before he had a six @-@ game spell of being on the substitutes ' bench . This came to an end when he started in the 1 ? 0 victory at AFC Wimbledon on 21 November 2009 and his performance drew praise from Foyle .

He scored his first goal for York in a 2 ? 1 defeat to Forest Green Rovers on 6 March 2010 , with his shot taking a deflection off David Brown . He picked up his 10th yellow card of the season in a 0 ? 0 draw with Altrincham , which resulted in a two @-@ match suspension . He played in both legs of York 's play @-@ off semi @-@ final victory over Luton , which finished 2 ? 0 on aggregate . He started in the 2010 Conference Premier play @-@ off Final at Wembley on 16 May 2010 , which York lost 3 ? 1 to Oxford . He finished the season with 45 appearances and one goal for York and signed a new one @-@ year contract with the club in May 2010 .

Mackin made his first appearance of the 2010 ? 11 season in the opening game , a 2 ? 1 defeat to Kidderminster on 14 August 2010 , and was substituted in the 38th minute due to an injury and Foyle said " It looks a bad one and he might need a scan " . The scan revealed no knee ligament damage had occurred and it was estimated he would be injured for a month . He returned to training in November 2010 , having been out of the team injured for almost three months , with his first appearance coming as an 87th @-@ minute substitute in a 3 ? 0 victory over League Two side Rotherham United in an FA Cup first round replay on 17 November . He scored at home for the first time for York with the 85th @-@ minute winner against Forest Green on 22 January 2011 , the goal being a drilled shot into the bottom corner . Mackin finished the season with 13 appearances and one goal before being released by York on 23 June 2011 after being told he could find another club .

= = = Alfreton Town = = =

Mackin signed for newly promoted Conference Premier club Alfreton Town on a one @-@ year contract on 2 July 2011 . His debut came after starting in a 1 ? 1 draw with Darlington on 23 August 2011 and scored his first goal with the winner in a 1 ? 0 victory away at former club York on 29 August after scoring a penalty . After struggling to break into the team he was released by Alfreton after his contract was cancelled by mutual consent on 4 January 2012 , having made 13 appearances and scored one goal for the club .

= = = Chester = = =

On the same day of his Alfreton release Mackin joined hometown club Chester , signing for the Northern Premier League Premier Division side on a contract until the end of the 2011 ? 12 season . Chester had been interested in signing him during the summer but he had opted to remain in full @-@ time football with Alfreton . He scored on his debut with the final goal of a 4 ? 0 victory over Rushall Olympic on 7 January 2011 , having entered the game as a 73rd @-@ minute substitute .

He finished the season with one goal in six appearances having sustained a collar bone injury in his first start .

== = Bangor City == =

Mackin signed for Welsh Premier League side Bangor City on 17 January 2013 . He made his debut as an 83rd @-@ minute substitute in Bangor 's 2 ? 0 victory away at Gap Connah 's Quay on 26 January 2013 . His first goal came in a 3 ? 3 home draw with Prestatyn Town on 9 February 2013 . Mackin finished the season with 10 appearances and one goal for Bangor .

== = Conwy Borough == =

He signed for Conwy Borough of the Cymru Alliance on 7 June 2013 and made his debut in a 2 ? 0 win away to Guilsfield on 17 August . He was suspected to have sustained a toe injury during a 3 ? 0 home win over Penycae on 17 September 2013 and this was the last of his eight appearances in the 2013 ? 14 season .

== = Rhyl == =

Mackin signed for Welsh Premier League club Rhyl on 24 June 2014 .

== = International career == =

Despite being born in England , Mackin was involved in two matches with the Wales under @-@ 17 team , against Scotland and Norway in 2001 and 2002 respectively , although he did not play in either and remained on the substitutes ' bench . He was called up for a training camp and game against Bosnia and Herzegovina in the 2003 UEFA European Under @-@ 17 Football Championship first qualifying round , and made an appearance in this game as Wales won 2 ? 1 to progress to the second qualifying round . He was called into the under @-@ 19 team for the Milk Cup in July 2004 and another call up came for the 2005 UEFA European Under @-@ 19 Football Championship qualifier against the Faroe Islands in October .

Mackin was called into the under @-@ 21 squad for their game against England in September 2005 . His first and only appearance for the team came in a 1 ? 0 defeat to Northern Ireland on 28 February 2006 , in which he was substituted for Rob Davies in the 56th minute . Mackin returned to the under @-@ 21 team after being named on the standby list for a game against Turkey in September . He was named on standby for a two @-@ legged 2009 UEFA European Under @-@ 21 Football Championship qualification play @-@ off against England in October 2008 . He was named in the Semi @-@ Pro squad for a friendly against Poland in September 2009 , although he was forced to withdraw due to an injury .

== = Style of play == =

Mackin plays as a central or defensive midfielder and has been described as " tough tackling " and a " reliable holding player " . He is " regularly in the right place to pick up loose balls and does not shirk away from tackles " . He is energetic and has been praised as a ball @-@ winner .

== = Personal life == =

Mackin 's daughter was born in January 2011 .

== = Career statistics == =

As of match played 23 April 2016 .

