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New England Revolution Acquire Center Back Tylon Smith on Loan

21-year-old South Africa youth international joins New England from Queens Park Rangers F.C.

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. *(August 13, 2026)* – The New England Revolution have acquired central defender **Tylon Smith** on loan from Queens Park Rangers F.C. through the 2027 MLS Sprint Season, with an option to purchase, pending receipt of his P-1 visa and international transfer certificate. Smith will occupy an international spot on the Revolution's roster.



PHOTOS: Tylon Smith (Credit: Queens Park Rangers F.C.)

Smith, 21, arrives in New England following a brief spell with Queens Park Rangers F.C. of the English Football League (EFL) Championship, where he suited up for 10 appearances across the senior and U-21 levels from 2025-26. Prior to QPR, Smith began his professional career with his hometown club, Stellenbosch FC of the South African Premiership, after developing through the club's academy.

Smith first featured for Stellenbosch in the PSL Reserve League, helping the club capture the 2023-24 PSL Reserve League title and the 2024 Premier League Next Generation Cup crown. After signing his first professional contract with Stellenbosch in October 2024, Smith was named 2024-25 PSL Reserve League Player of the Season.

On the international stage, Smith has collected 16 caps and scored one goal for South Africa's Under-20 Men's National Team. Last fall, he logged four starts, all 90-minute performances, in the 2025 FIFA U-20 World Cup, helping guide South Africa to the Round of 16. In the group stage of the tournament, Smith contributed to South Africa's 2-1 win over current Revolution Head Coach **Marko Mitrović**'s U.S. U-20 squad, clinching a spot in the knockout rounds. In May 2025, Smith played every minute of South Africa's seven fixtures at the U-20 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON), netting the game-winning goal in the semifinal against Nigeria.

Smith went on to claim the tournament's top accolade, Man of the Competition, after leading South Africa to its first-ever U-20 AFCON title with a 1-0 shutout victory over Morocco. Additionally, the central defender was named a finalist for the 2025 African Young Player of the Year award. In October 2024, Smith helped South Africa lift the 2024 Council of Southern Africa Football

Associations (COSAFA) U-20 Challenge Cup trophy with a 2-0 win over Zambia, earning Man of the Match honors and a spot on the Team of the Tournament.

“Tylon Smith is a promising player who will help strengthen our defense,” Revolution General Manager and Chief Soccer Officer **Chris Tierney** said. “At just 21 years old, Tylon has built a strong foundation through both his club and youth national team experience. We’re confident that this is the ideal environment for Tylon to continue his development and we look forward to welcoming him to New England.”

The Revolution travel north of the border with a visit to Toronto FC on Saturday, August 15. The 7:30 p.m. ET kickoff at BMO Field will be available to watch on **Apple TV** in both English and Spanish, or tune in to the Revolution's radio calls on 98.5 The Sports Hub (WBZ-FM) and 1260 AM Nossa Radio USA (Portuguese).

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TYLON SMITH
Full Name: Tylon Christopher Smith
Pronunciation: TY-lawn
Position: Defender
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 162
Date of Birth: May 9, 2005 (21)
Hometown: Jamestown, Western Cape, South Africa
Nationality: South Africa
Last Club: Queens Park Rangers F.C. (ENG)
Acquired: Via loan from Queens Park Rangers F.C. through the 2027 MLS Sprint Season, with a purchase option.

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About the New England Revolution

The New England Revolution, owned and operated by the Kraft family, began play in 1996 as one of the original founding clubs of Major League Soccer (MLS). Through 30 MLS seasons, the Revolution are five-time MLS Eastern Conference champions and claimed the 2021 Supporters' Shield after a record-setting campaign. The Revolution also won the 2008 North American SuperLiga and 2007 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup titles. The Revolution play their home matches at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass. The club and its

acclaimed pro pathway, including Revolution II (MLS NEXT Pro) and the Revolution Academy, are headquartered at the Revolution Training Center, which opened ahead of the 2020 season.

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