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Malaysia bounce back with a satisfying win over Kenya

MALAYSIA, beaten by Fiji earlier, raised their game to earn a well deserved win over Kenya in the second day of rugby sevens preliminaries at the Kelana Jaya Stadium last night.

It was a keener contest than the 19-5 scoreline in Malaysia's favour suggested, but the display was enough to delight the partisan crowd, which included Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Against Kenya, Malaysia's points came from three tries - two by Jamil Abdul Rahman and another by Mohamad Khusaini, and two conversions by Jude Rampangjouw.

In other match-ups, World Cup Sevens champions Fiji and rugby powerhouse New Zealands beat their opponents comfortably and are on course for a showdown for the medal today.

Other rugby giants, Samoa, Australia and South Africa, also passed the preliminary rounds test and will also be medal contenders.

For the moment, the Malaysian players can feel proud for their achievements so far, especially last night's satisfying win over Kenya.

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