

# Keris retain Premier crown

**KERIS** Conlay reasserted their credentials as Malaysia's top club in the 15s format after successfully defending their Malaysia Rugby League Premier Division title yesterday.

They led 17-7 at half-time before overcoming Mersing Eagles 27-19 at the Universiti Putra Malaysia field in Serdang.

Farid Syazwan Abu Bakar's charges previously won the title in 2013, 2015 and 2017.

Farid praised his team for their ability to deliver when it mattered.

Conlay's Fairuz AB Rahman, a former national captain, was named man-of-the-match.

"We had expected Mersing to comeback in the second half as they had done that in their previous matches. The boys, however, were prepared for that and did well to not let them back into the match," said Farid.

"I am very grateful to everyone who made this win possible. We managed to assemble a good mix of new and senior players this year who gelled well and played as a unit.

"Hopefully these boys will continue to shine in the future," he said.

Police Bersatu won the Division One title by edging RMAF Blackhawks 27-24. **Fadhli Ishak**