

Ten man Harambee Stars of Kenya draw 1-1 with Angola in the 2024 African Nations Championship (CHAN Pamoja), Group A match at Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani

Angola scored first in the 7th minute. Joá Paciência found space and fired a low shot past Bryne Omondi, giving Angola a 1-0.

In the 12th minute, Kenya won a penalty after VAR confirmed a foul on Austin Odhiambo, who calmly converted from the spot to make it 1-1.

Just minutes later, Marvin Nabwire received a yellow card that was upgraded to a red after VAR review for denying a clear scoring opportunity. Kenya played with 10 men for over 70 minutes.

Despite being a man down, Kenya defended bravely. Goalkeeper Bryne Omondi made several crucial saves, including denying shots from close range. The defense, especially Sakari, Owino, Omija, and later Kibwage, held strong.



*Kenyan President Ruto meeting the Kenyan side after the match. Courtesy photo.*

Late drama — Angola was denied the win in stoppage time, Angola thought they had won when Kaporal headed in a rebound, but the goal was ruled offside after a VAR check. The match ended as a 1-1 draw.

The draw gives Kenya 4 points from 2 games, placing them at the top of Group A, ahead of Morocco and DR Congo, who have three points each.

Angola remains on 1 point and must win their final game against DR Congo to stay in the competition.

Kenya showed incredible character—playing almost the entire match a man down, yet still earning a valuable point. Their solid defense and composure under pressure reflect growing confidence under coach Benni McCarthy.