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Munster Junior Plate

Shannon 27

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In a game that had everything City were just pipped at the post by Shannon in Shannon on Sunday evening. Conditions were perfect with Shannon playing a brand of fast paced rugby against our dominant set piece power game. Shannon struck first with some poor defence allowing them in for two tries and put them 12-0 up, City didn't panic and Simon O Hara found his way over to bring it back to 12-7, Shannon added a third try to make it 17-7 just before the 25th min . The rest of this half was to be all City, they were dominating in the scrum, with the forwards causing problems for the Shannon defence and a sweeping move from the backs put Aaron Whelan free and he bolted to the corner to score ,John Flynn converted to make it 17-14. Just on the stroke of half time Simon O Hara added his 2nd try and now City were in the lead 19-17. The 2nd half began with City coming close to scoring again but Shannon countered to score their 4th try and make it 24-19, they upped the pace and forced the penalty to put them 27-19 clear. City began to tire at this stage with stern defence keeping Shannon out on a number of occasions, with 5 mins remaining City threw the kitchen sink at Shannon and Jason Power finished off a superb team try which Aaron Foskin converted to make it 27-26 but it was not enough as the ref blew the final whistle on what was a superb game. What was encouraging for City was how they finished this game with a young front row of Stephen O Rourke , Andrew Condron and Paddy O Halloron who came off the bench and dominated their opposite number in the scrum, also James Halligan who made his first appearance for the 1st team and played very well.

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