

2018 Butterfly Canadian Junior Championships  
July 3, 2018  
Day 1



## **BC and Quebec Junior Girls Shine**

The morning of day 1 kicked off with the team events. Spectators witnessed unseeded teams grappling for places in the quarters and semis.

Arguably the match seeing BC pitted against Quebec in the Junior Girls category was the highlight of the morning. Adina Cuchirita (QC) and Mariana Ramirez (QC) secured a precarious win over Laura Lai (BC) and Fan Ge (BC) in the commencing doubles match. On how they recovered from the setback, Lai laughingly claims she wasn't too worried as she believed in teammate Ivy Liao's (BC) ability to bring them back. This, Liao did, confidently securing a 3-1 win over Mariana Ramirez. Sophie Gauthier (QC) then came back to pull a point for Quebec, uncontestedly dominating Fan Ge (BC) 3-0.

Ultimately, it was BC who prevailed, with Liao and Lai winning their matches in quick succession against Cuchirita and Ramirez, respectively.

After their victory, when asked whether they're confident about their gold medal prospects, both Lai and Liao concur it's a matter of placement strategy—and, Liao adds, "mental strength."

The focus now turns towards the impending semi-finals due to start in the afternoon.