

2018 Butterfly Canadian Junior Championships
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Day 1



BC Thrives on Home Soil

History repeats itself in the far right corner of Fortius Center's gym. The early afternoon saw a thrilling Junior Boys semi-finals take place between BC and Quebec.

David Lin (BC) and Kenny Jiang (BC) were able to claw their way to a 3-2 win over Vincent Sieu (QC) and Matteo Martin (QC). Tommy Xu (QC) then evened things out with a decisive 3-0 victory over Kyle Hui (BC), while Lin's win over Martin gave BC a one point edge. Cheered on by the hollering of loyal Quebec supporters, Sieu succeeded in clinching his match against Hui 3-1, effectively evening the score again.

The deciding match came down to Kenny Jiang versus Tommy Xu. Both players performed admirably, but in the end, it was Jiang who came out on top, to tumultuous applause from the clearly delighted home crowd.

When asked how he handled the pressure of playing the deciding match, Jiang says "I try to just focus on the match; don't think about it. Basically [I] play it like it's practice." He's cautiously hopeful that they have a good chance of winning in the upcoming finals against Ontario.