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Laurens Jan Anjema (left) of the Netherlands prepares for a shot against England's Daryl Selby at the Manitoba Open men's final Sunday.

# City duo falls short in doubles final

## *Ontarians, Dutchman tops at squash tourney*

**L**ORENS JAN ANJEMA of The Hague, Netherlands, won the pro final at the Winnipeg Building and Decorating Ltd. Manitoba Open Squash Classic with an 11-7, 11-6, 11-6 victory over England's Daryl Selby Sunday at the Winnipeg Squash Racquet Club.

But it was the doubles final that had everyone talking.

In that contest, Winnipeg's Josh Struthers, the assistant professional at the WSRC, and Chris Buechler lost a barn-burner 3-2 (5-15, 17-15, 15-11, 9-15, 12-15) to Iain Crozier and Alex Carter of Toronto.

"We played really well," Struthers said,

"but they killed us in the first game. We weren't used to the pace. I've played with Chris a lot, and I asked him to do something he hasn't done before — play the backhand wall. So initially, we struggled over on that wall.

"It was sort of my fault, like I said I asked him to do something he hadn't done before and we got hurt bad in the first game. Then we got going a little bit and then they really settled in and stopped making mistakes, and that was the difference."

"Most people are stronger on their forehand wall, as am I with the right-hand side wall," Buechler said. "The backhand wall is generally more erratic and as a bigger guy, it's harder on me.

"We switched up, and it took me a game to kind of get used to the pace. You got to

twist and turn a lot to chase the ball behind you, so after the first game we kind of fell into the pace, and I had to start trying not to do so much with it and kind of keep it in play."

Crozier, who began playing as a youngster at the WSRC, said: "It definitely was one of the best doubles games we've ever played. Everybody played at a very high pace, and it was a lot different from what we're used to playing, because everybody could hit the ball a ton.

"I've played with Chris and Josh for the past 10 years or so, and it is always tough.

Struthers summed it up. "They gave us the middle two games with a lot of errors, but then they stopped making errors and didn't give us any free points."

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