

Anton wants a Lott younger dance partner

Strictly pro mocks Judy Murray's 'lack of ability'

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STRICTLY Come Dancing favourite Anton Du Beke has slammed the BBC for always pairing him with ladies of a certain age on the show.

He joked: "Couldn't I get someone like Pixie Lott for once?"

This year Anton was paired with Judy Murray, 55, and the couple were voted off two weeks ago.

Last year he was put with former Bond girl Fiona Fullerton, 58, the year before that with Jerry Hall, also 58, and in 2011 he got to dance with Nancy Dell'Olio, 53.

Hosting the Nordoff Robbins charity boxing dinner at London's Hilton

Hotel on Monday, Anton joked that Judy had been "s***".

Speaking inside the ring to boxer Liam Williams, he added: "I'd rather go 12 rounds with you than push Judy around the dance floor."

His joking may not go down well with Judy, who was delighted to be paired with the veteran pro and regards him as a great friend.

She said: "Anton has been lovely,

he's made my Strictly experience very special."

But one Strictly fan blasted his desire to dance with younger stars by saying: "If Anton had got Pixie he would look lost in Latin – Pixie would've made him look old."

Meanwhile, Strictly host Tess Daly has high hopes of getting a royal on to Strictly.

She told Woman magazine: "I know Zara and Beatrice like the show, but Camilla is the biggest fan of Strictly. Whenever I see her at an event, she always tells me who she's voting for."

Tess also revealed she and co-host Claudia Winkleman are great pals.

She said: "We've got kids of similar ages. In fact she's just told me her son Jake has a bit of a crush on my Phoebe."

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Judy with Anton. Inset, Pixie Lott

