

Anton: Judy was awful, why didn't I have Pixie?

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STRICTLY Come Dancing's Anton du Beke has launched a surprisingly scathing verbal attack on Judy Murray, his most recent partner on the show.

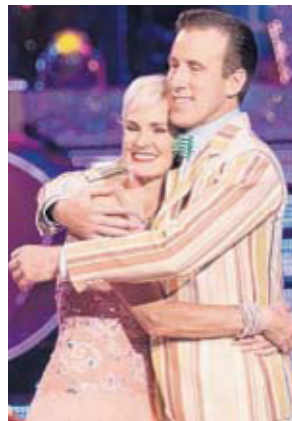
The show stalwart revealed he would rather have been partnered with singer Pixie Lott (below) than tennis star Andy Murray's mother, as he addressed the crowd at a charity boxing match.

'Judy was s***, wasn't she? Wasn't she s***?' he said to the stunned amusement of guests.

Debonair du Beke is often paired with older ladies on Strictly and appeared the perfect gent as he squired the likes of Ann Widdecombe and Nancy Dell'Olio.

But he told the fight night audience at London's Hilton Park Lane hotel: 'When they said, "And your dance partner is... Judy Murray!" I thought "oh f***!"'

The 48-year-old – who acted as master of ceremonies for the



Short straw: Anton du Beke with Murray

boxing event in aid of music therapy charity Nordoff Robbins – lasted eight weeks with Murray, 55, after she proved a hit with viewers.

But judges Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcey Bussell were far less impressed with her prowess on the dance floor.

She often faced criticism and low marks for her stiff and lifeless performances.

