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JET SKIER ANYA IS IN THE PINK!

15-year-old wins Top Girl of the World award

MAKING a pink splash and showing she's got girl power is 15-year-old Anya Colley from Pennyfields, Long Eaton.

Not only did she come home from the Jet Ski World Championships, held at Lake Havasu City, Arizona, with the Top Girl of the World award, she also became the first girl ever to win the Junior Ski World Title and the Junior Drag Race World Title.

While most girls her age are out shopping, Anya spends her weekends on her jet ski. And as well as juggling racing with her schoolwork, she works one evening a week in a hairdressers.

She was the first girl to represent Great Britain juniors in Europe and has since raced all over Europe, usually with boys as there aren't enough girls involved in the sport – something which she hopes to change.

To promote the girl power theme, everything she wears and the equipment she uses is

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pink and she is known as the Pink Lady when she competes.

"I went along to the World Finals with the intentions of riding my best but knew the competition was very tough," she said. "Never in my dreams did I think I could walk away with not one world title but two!"

Her mum, Michelle, said: "I don't think our feet have touched the floor yet! Anya had leisure skied from the age of four but wanted to race after we went to a race meeting on holiday in Portugal in 2004.

"She fell in love with it and spent six months trying to persuade us that we should let her race. We let her start racing in January 2005 and she hasn't looked back since."

Anya's next race is in Lincolnshire this weekend where she hopes to encourage new juniors riders, especially girls. To find out more about her, visit www.anyas.co.uk.



● Just champion ... Anya Colley.



● The Pink Lady shows off her skills on her pink jet ski.