



Miss Tina MacLean (above left), aged 19, of Coventry, an employee of Jaguar Cars, tackles the engineering drawing section of the International Youth Skills Olympics.

while Mr Alan Murphy, of Kings Heath, Birmingham, shows his talents in the wiring section.

Organisers said the Olympics, held at the National Exhibition

Centre and which end this morning, were a great success.

Thousands of visitors have attended the event, which opened on

Monday, to watch 400 competitors from 21 countries demonstrate their skills.

The competition covered 35 skills, which will be assessed over

the next two days by a team of international judges.

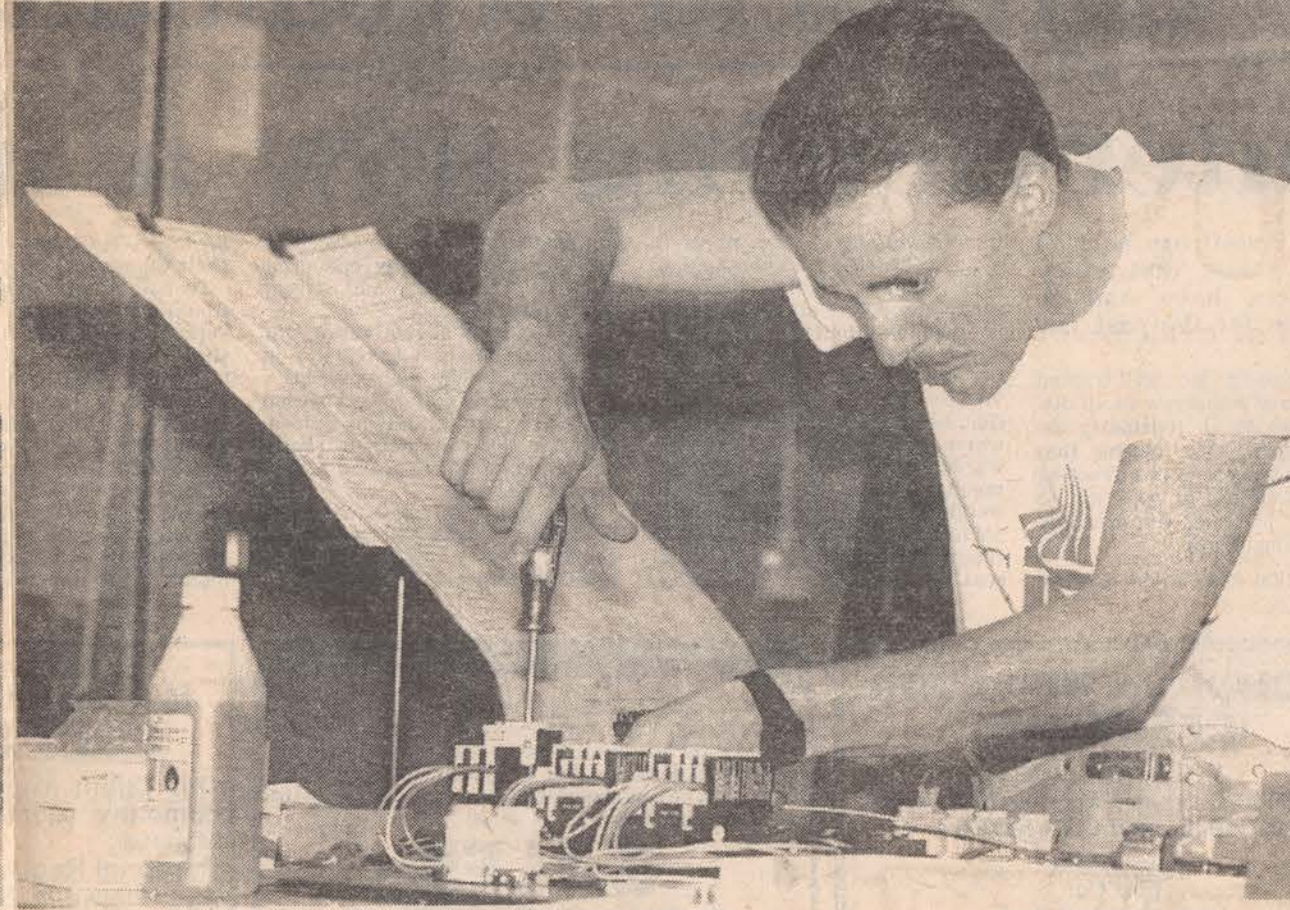
The winners, who will receive gold, silver and bronze medals, will be announced at a ceremony

at The Hippodrome, Birmingham, on Sunday.

Mr Frank Hotston, spokesman for the event's organisers Skill-UK, said it was the biggest

and best Skills Olympics in 30-year history.

He added thousands had seen the "cream of skilled young people".



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