'89 SKILL OLYMPICS

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30th INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SKILL OLYMPICS

# '89 SKILL OLYMPICS SETS A NEW RECORD

*by FRANK HOTSTON*

**THE GREAT DAY has arrived. This evening, in the presence of HRH Prince Edward at Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre, the United Kingdom greets the teams of 20 other nations taking part in the finest display of young talent in industrial and commercial skills.**

**Skill-UK, the host for the '89 Skill Olympics, also welcomes President Albert and Secretary-General Daniel Sommer of the international organisation, the overseas delegates and experts in the 34 competition skills and others in the visiting parties from around the world.**

This evening's opening ceremony and entertainment raises the curtain on the 30th International Youth Skill Olympics. The equipment is ready and the test pieces selected for almost 400 men and women under 23 years of age to challenge for international honours in their occupational skills.

On home ground, the UK fields a contestant in all 34 skills. Skill-UK has assembled the team from the winners of national competitions whose skills have been sharpened by preparatory training. The target is a greater tally of medals than the fine total of 10 won by the UK team at the 29th Skill Olympics in Australia and to rise above fourth place in the medals table achieved then.

Three girls represent the United Kingdom — Nicola Heaven (ladies' hairdressing), Gina Taylor (graphic design) and Tina MacLean (engineering drawing).

The team is sponsored by the National Council for Vocational Qualifications.

The UK also has a squad in the 35th skill, information technology, specially demonstrated in the competition area, in which gold, silver and bronze medals will also be awarded. Sponsored by IBM United Kingdom Ltd., the demonstration makes this the biggest Skill Olympics in number of skills and competitors. The 21 nations taking part also sets a record.

Other skills are on show in an exhibition linked to the competition.

Of the visiting nations, the largest teams are from Korea (32 contestants), Netherlands (31), Australia and Germany (30), Taiwan (29) and Japan (27). There are 34 girls in the overseas teams.

The '89 Skill Olympics is an opportunity for the British public to see the best trained and most highly skilled young peoople of 21 countries attempting perfection in a wide range of crafts, technologies and skills.

One of the top men in British industry, Sir John Egan, chairman and chief executive of Jaguar and president of '89 Skill Olympics, says: "The public are in for a rare and free treat — the finest young craftsmen and women in the world using their skills in international competition. It is one of the best days out I can think of."

The hosting of the international in this country has been made possible by sponsorship in cash, materials and loan of equipment by British industry. Companies, individuals, employers' organisations, trade unions and industrial training boards have all contributed.

The Government with Mrs Thatcher and Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, particularly supportive, is backing Skill-UK's initiative in bringing this premier event to this country for only the second time since the first competition 39 years ago, with a substantial donation through the Training Agency.

As well as the interest of Prince Edward in the opening ceremony, the '89 Skill Olympics has Royal patronage from Prince Philip.

The international event ends on September 3 with the private medal presentation and closing ceremony at Birmingham Hippodrome. The Netherlands will take away the international flag as host country for the 31st International Youth Skill Olympics in 1991.




*Hats off to the '89 Skill Olympics — Sir John Egan, Tina MacLean and Andrew Connell*

## COME AND SEE IT

**The competition, in Halls 3A and 4 at the NEC, runs from tomorrow until August 31.**

**There is no charge for admission and the hours of work are: August 28 — 9.30am to 5pm; August 29 and 30 — 8.30am to 5.30pm; August 31 — 8.30am to 11.30am.**

## BRITISH AEROSPACE IS A MAJOR SPONSOR




*Contract signing for two '89 Skill Olympics competitions — Jerry Wooding (right) signs for British Aerospace and John Pullen for the Rover Group. Pictured with them are Derrick Phillips (left) and Frank Hotston of '89 Skill Olympics.*

**This issue** of '89 Skill Olympics News and the final edition to be published on September 3, are sponsored by Royal Ordnance plc, which is part of British Aerospace plc.

British Aerospace is also sponsor of one of the competitions, The British Aerospace Sheet Metalwork Competition. It has two competitors in the United Kingdom team — Andrew Connell (fitting) is with British Aerospace, Preston and Stephen Porter (CNC machining) is employed by British Aerospace, Bristol.

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Associate company Rover Group is sponsoring the Rover Automotive Mechanics competition and has made Rover and Montego cars available to Skill-UK during the event.

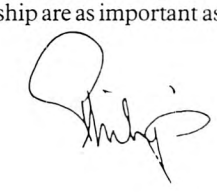
Paul Phillips (press tool-making) and Brendan Conway (instrument making) are both at Austin Rover, Cowley, Oxford.



## BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Welcome to the 1989 International Youth Skill Olympics. All the training and preparation is over and the competition is about to begin. There will be intense rivalry, there will be triumphs and disappointments and there will be good and bad luck, but I am sure that the whole event will be marked by a friendly comradeship between all competitors, team managers and officials.

Scientific research is usually given most of the credit for technological development, yet it is the skills of technicians and craftsmen and women that convert good ideas into practical hardware. Far from being something from the distant past, skill and craftsmanship are as important as ever in this age of the machine.



## NCVQ BACKS THE U.K. TEAM

**The National Council for Vocational Qualifications grasped the opportunity to sponsor the United Kingdom team because the objectives of the international competition are closely linked with its own.**

The Skill Olympics is about the pursuit of excellence; the NCVQ's role is to head-up a system of national qualifications to ensure competence at work.

Oscar DeVille, chairman of NCVQ, says: "It is vital that we encourage top quality young people into all industries at all levels in the years ahead.

"With the prospect of 1992 and increasing competition worldwide for business and industry, we must have the skills and flexibility to compete not just in the Single European market, but elsewhere in the world. This is why we are introducing a new system of National Vocational Qualifications to help us achieve a competent society.

"There is no doubt that if we could ensure competence in factories, offices, shops and services, then the quality of our daily lives would be transformed, individuals would be fulfilled and the nation would prosper. Our economy would survive ever-tougher competition and individual opportunity would be created.

"The members of the UK team have already demonstrated a talent to succeed."

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# BATTLE BEGINS FOR WORLD HONOURS

*by ALAN HUGHES*

**AT 8.30am tomorrow - Monday, August 28, 1989 — the 30th International Youth Skill Olympics competition gets underway.**

**At last the preparations are over, the training completed.**

Now nearly 400 of the world's most talented and skilled young people will begin to test their skills in open competition.

For an hour they will study the drawings and specifications of the test they will be required to work on.

Then the work begins.

The range and variety of the skills in the competition is immense.

Some of the young people will be working on heavy and physically demanding work such as the engineering and construction skills; working with bricks or with turning and milling machines. Others will be working on more intricate skills in the electronics or jewellery-making fields.

Still others will be working in the hairdressing and waiting categories.

All these disciplines and skills will be tested in fierce competition from tomorrow morning until mid-morning on Thursday, August 31.

The young people will be under the eye of experts in each skilled trade who will be supervising their work.

They will be under the eyes of the public, many thousands of whom are expected to descend on the National Exhibition Centre to see at first hand the skilled craftsmen and women of the future; to look at the work they are carrying out and, whether young people themselves or parents, teachers or careers advisers, to weigh up career prospects for other young people in the future.

The competition will be intense, but it will be more than that. It will make both physical and mental demands of the young people competing.

For more than three days they will have to be on their mettle, watchful for any dangers of making mistakes, conscious that the work must not only be completed on time, but to a standard higher than anyone else's and keenly aware that around them are their competitors fully intent on beating them.

For these young people the '89 Skill Olympics will be a test of skill, character, nerve, temperament and will. It will also be a test of pride — pride in their skill, pride in their membership of their team and pride in their country.

When the competition is completed the marking of the competitors' work begins.

There is no margin for error. The marks of the international jurists — all skilled experts in their fields — are subjected to detailed computer analysis in *reaching final decisions on medal* winners.

This process will take until Saturday morning, September 2, when the results will be sealed and prepared for announcement to the world at the Grand Closing Ceremony on the following day, Sunday, September 3, 1989.

It is already clear that TV, radio and newspapers and technical journals from around the world will be represented at the '89 Skill Olympics.

As soon as they are known the results will be flashed around the world. The private event will be held at one of the increasingly rare examples of old-time music halls still surviving in Britain — the Birmingham Hippodrome.

Like the National Exhibition Centre, where the competition is held: like Warwick University, where the young people reside: like Warwick Castle, scene of a key event; the Birmingham Hippodrome is a fine example of building skills.

All around the event, the West Midlands — industrial heartland of Britain, are examples of other skills — in engineering, electronics, motor manufacturing and transport and jewellery making.

After bidding to stage the Olympic Games themselves, it was right that the '89 Skill Olympics should be held in this cradle of the industrial revolution.

The '89 Skill Olympics promises to be the biggest and best competition held so far. Everyone associated with it can be pleased and proud to be part of this great venture.

May good luck, good fortune, fair competition and the highest standard of skills mark a wonderfully successful event.




*The United Kingdom Team*

## '89 SKILL OLYMPICS NUMBERS OF COMPETITORS

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| Austria | 20 |
| Australia | 30 |
| Bermuda | 7 |
| Brazil | 10 |
| Switzerland | 19 |
| West Germany | 30 |
| Spain | 12 |
| Republic of Ireland | 24 |
| France | 11 |
| Liechtenstein | 9 |
| Japan | 27 |
| Korea | 32 |
| Macao | 4 |
| Netherlands | 31 |
| New Zealand | 18 |
| Portugal | 12 |
| Papua New Guinea | 1 |
| Taiwan | 29 |
| Finland | 7 |
| United Kingdom | 34 |
| USA | 15 |
| | 382 |



**When in 1950 the International Vocational Training Competitions were started between Spain and Portugal, the first country to join the Organisation was the United Kingdom.**

One young British competitor participated in the textile trade. In the following Competitions the United Kingdom increased their presence, a National British Committee was set up and the persons in charge of the vocational training system in the country contributed efficiently to the development and perfection of the Competitions under the City and Guilds of London Institute.

The excellent cooperation and contribution from these persons and the Directors of the Institute culminated in their organising the 14th International Vocational Training Competition in Glasgow in 1965, with the participation of 200 young people from 10 European and Asian countries.

In this year, 1989, the United Kingdom hosts the 30th International Vocational Training Competition in Birmingham, with the participation of 400 competitors from Europe, Asia, the United States of America, Latin America and the Pacific. The organisation of this Competition confirms and establishes the cooperation between the Government, the public and private institutions and those persons in the United Kingdom who are wholeheartedly dedicated to all vocational training activities that improve the education of the young in industry, crafts and services.

As President of the International Organisation for the Promotion of Vocational Training and on behalf of all Delegates from the countries represented in the General Assembly, I present our respectful greetings and express sincere thanks for the United Kindom's hosting of the 30th International Skill Olympics and to the Patron His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh; to the President Sir John Egan; to the members of the National Council of Skill-UK under the guidance of Mr. Eric Tindall; and to all institutions, companies and persons who have contributed to this event in Birmingham.

We also want to extend a special greeting to the young people who are the real protagonists of the Competition. We wish them much success in their work, as this is evidence of their zeal and their belief in the training for the trade they have chosen.

Francisco Albert

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- The Bridgeport Machines Milling Competition
- The British Aerospace Sheetmetalwork Competition
- The British Gypsum Plastering Competition
- The Chef and Brewer Cookery Competition
- The Crown-Berger Painting and Decorating Competition
- The G.E.C. — Marconi Industrial Electronics Competition
- The 600 Group Turning Competition
- The IBM Special Demonstration of Information Technology
- The Ibstock Building Products/Builders Training Association Bricklaying Competition
- The Jones and Shipman Press Toolmaking Competition
- The Machine Tool Technologies Association Fitting Competition
- The National Contractors Group Carpentry Competition
- The Radio Rentals Consumer Electronics Competition
- The Rover Automotive Mechanics Competition

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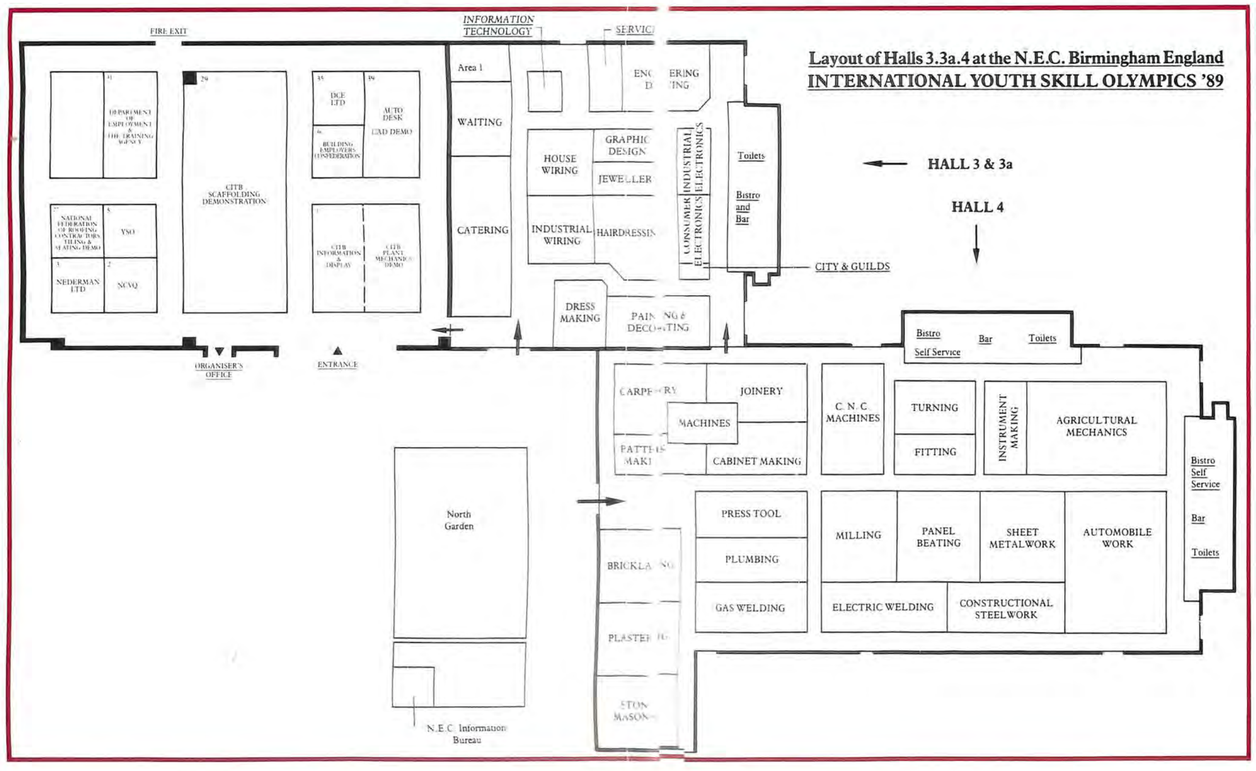
- Alexandra Workwear Plc and the Federation of Clothing Designers and Executives (Midland Association) — Sponsors of the uniform of the United Kingdom team
- The Building Employers Confederation — sponsors of the Press Room
- City and Guilds of London Institute — Backing the '89 Skill Olympics.
- The Construction Industry Training Board — Supporting the Construction Competitions
- The Engineering Employers Federation — Supporting the Engineering Competitions
- The Engineering Employers' West Midlands Association — Supporting the Engineering Competitions
- The Engineering Industry Training Board — Supporting the Engineering Competitions
- Glass Training Ltd — Sponsors of one edition of '89 Skill Olympics News
- The Interbuild Fund — Supporting the training of the UK building competitors.
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- Midland Electricity Board — Sponsors of the design and manufacture of the medals and awards and sponsors of the Closing Ceremony
- The National Council for Vocational Qualifications — Sponsors of the United Kingdom team
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| 2 Press tool making | • | • | | • | | | • | • | • | • | | | • | • | | • | • | • | • | • | |
| 3 Instrument making | | | | | | | • | | • | • | • | | • | | | • | | • | • | • | |
| 5 Engineering drawing | | • | | • | | | • | • | • | • | • | | • | • | | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| 6 Turning | • | • | | • | • | | • | • | • | • | | | • | • | | • | • | | • | • | • |
| 7 Milling | | | | • | • | | • | • | • | • | | | • | | | • | • | • | • | • | |
| 8 Construction steelwork | | • | | | | • | • | • | • | • | | | • | • | | | | • | • | • | • |
| 9 Gas welding | | | | • | | | • | • | | • | | | | | | | | • | • | | |
| 10 Electric welding | • | | • | • | • | | • | • | • | • | | | • | • | | • | | • | • | • | • |
| 11 Wood patternmaking | • | • | | | | | • | | • | • | | | • | | | • | | • | • | • | |
| 13 Panel beating | • | • | | | | • | • | | • | • | | | | | | | | • | • | • | |
| 14 Sheet metal work | | • | | | | • | • | • | • | • | | | • | • | | • | | • | • | • | |
| 15 Plumbing | • | • | | | | • | • | • | • | • | | | • | | | | | • | • | • | • |
| 16 Industrial electronics | • | • | • | • | | | • | • | • | • | | | • | | | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| 17 Consumer electronics | | • | • | | | | | | • | • | | | • | • | | • | | • | • | • | • |
| 18 House wiring | | • | • | • | | | | • | • | • | | | • | • | | • | | • | • | • | • |
| 19 Industrial wiring | • | • | | | | | • | • | • | • | • | | • | • | | | • | • | • | • | |
| 20 Bricklaying | | • | | | • | • | • | • | • | | | | • | | | • | | • | • | • | • |
| 21 Stonemasonry | • | • | | | | • | • | | • | • | | | • | | | | | • | • | • | |
| 22 Painting & decorating | • | • | | | | | • | • | • | • | | | • | | | | | | • | • | |
| 23 Plastering | | • | | | | • | • | • | • | • | | | • | | | | | | • | | |
| 24 Cabinet making | • | • | • | | | • | • | • | • | • | • | | • | • | | | | • | • | • | • |
| 25 Joinery | • | • | • | | | • | • | • | • | • | | | • | • | | • | | • | • | • | |
| 26 Carpentry | • | • | | | | • | • | • | • | • | • | | • | • | | | | • | • | • | |
| 27 Jewellery | • | • | | | | | | | • | • | | | • | | | | | | • | | |
| 29 Ladies' hairdressing | • | • | | | | | • | | | • | • | • | • | • | | • | • | | • | • | • |
| 30 Men's hairdressing | • | • | | | | | • | | • | • | | | • | | | | | | • | • | |
| 31 Ladies' dressmaking | • | • | | | | • | • | | • | | | • | • | | | • | | | • | • | |
| 32 CNC machining | • | • | | | | • | • | • | • | • | | • | • | | | | | • | | • | • |
| 33 Automotive mechanics | | • | • | | | | • | • | • | • | | | | • | • | • | | • | | • | • |
| 34 Cookery | • | • | • | | | | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | | • | | | | • | • |
| 35 Waiting | • | • | | | | | • | • | | | • | • | • | • | | | | | | • | |
| 36 Graphic design | | | | • | | | • | • | | • | | | • | | | | | | • | • | • |
| 37 Agricultural mechanics | | • | | | | • | | | | | | | • | | | | | • | | | |
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*Note:* Missing numbers are skills no longer in the competition.



# SKILL-UK

PRESENTS

## THE GRAND OPENING CEREMONY

## THIRTIETH INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SKILL OLYMPICS

on Sunday 27 August 1989 from 7.00 pm to 9.00pm
at the Arena, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham

In the presence of HRH The Prince Edward

HOSTED BY: SU EVANS AND BOB HALL
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MUSICAL COORDINATOR: PETER ISHERWOOD

## PROGRAMME

Fanfare by the Band of the Irish Guards

Parade of the Nations: Entrance of competitors and team leaders

Entrance of HRH The Prince Edward accompanied by
Sr Francisco Albert, International President; Sir John Egan,
President '89 Skill Olympics; Mr Eric Tindall, Chairman of Skill-UK
and '89 Skill Olympics; and Mr Charles Thompson, Chairman,
'89 Skill Olympics Co-ordinating Committee.

The Band of the Irish Guards will play the Royal Salute

*Speech by President Albert*

Welcome Speech from the host country by HRH The Prince Edward
who will then formally declare the
Thirtieth International Youth Skill Olympics open.

Grand Spectacular Programme featuring

A display of traditional Morris Dancing by The Wakefield Morris Dancers

The Welsh Harp played by Manson Morris accompanied by
the Alcester Male Voice Choir

Asian Music and Dancing by the Nachda Sansaar Bangra Group

Caribbean and Calypso Music by Phase One

A display of Irish dancing by Danny Doherty's Irish Dancers

Music from the Highlands

Dancing and Music from the Ukraine by Czuplak

"We are the World" sung by Helen McGowan, accompanied by
the Band of the Irish Guards

Grand Finale and Sing-along with the audience.

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# WORDS FOR THE SING-ALONG

## LAND OF HOPE AND GLORY

Land of hope and glory,
Mother of the free,
How shall we extol thee,
Who are born of thee?
Wider still and wider shall thy bounds be set.
God who made thee mighty, make thee mightier yet
God who made thee mighty, make thee mightier yet.

## WE ARE THE WORLD

We are the world, we are the children, we are the ones
to make a brighter day, so let's start giving
There's a choice we're making, we're saving our own
lives, it's true we make better days just you and me.

When you're down and out and there seems no hope
at all, but if you just believe, there's no way
we can fall.
Let us realise that a change will only come when we
stand together as one.

We are the world, we are the children, we are the ones
to make a brighter day, so let's start giving
There's a choice we're making, we're saving our own
lives, it's true we make better days just you and me.

## CONSIDER YOURSELF

Consider yourself at home
Consider yourself one of the family.
We've taken to you so strong
It's clear we're going to get along.

Consider yourself well in
Consider yourself part of the furniture.
There isn't a lot to spare
Who cares? Whatever we've got we share.

Consider yourself our mate
We don't want to have no fuss,
For after some consideration we can state
Consider yourself one of us!

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