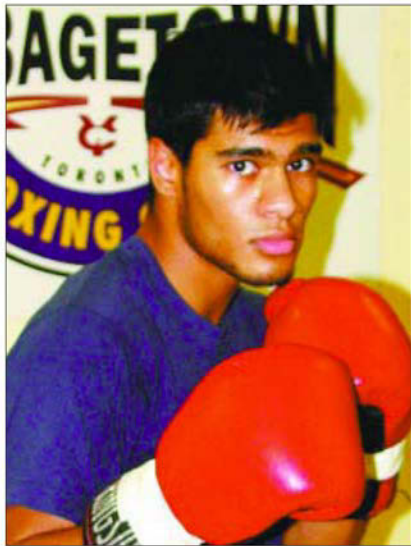


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# Two winners conquer their challenges

## IN CABBAGETOWN:

At the famed Cabbagetown Boxing Club Lightweight Ibrahim Kamal prepares for his toughest challenge to date. He goes up against some of the best in the hemisphere this month in Buenos Aires.

## AT HARBOURFRONT:

Taking the post of manager of RBC's new Queen's Quay bank branch, Chinyere Eni has added value to the community already. She has experience conquering challenges in both the social and the physical realms.

By Duncan McAllister

Ibrahim Kamal has called the Cabbagetown Boxing Club home for almost seven years. Now, his hard work and training is paying off with a trip to the Pan-American Boxing Trials in Buenos Aires in March.

This 132-pound (60 kg.) steely-eyed and soft-spoken young gladiator is proud of his achievements. Having just turned 22, Kamal has already garnered an impressive record of wins. He is fighting as a Lightweight.

In January he punched his way through the senior national boxing championships in St. Hyacinthe, Que., with three wins for a gold. He has won the nationals six times in a row, including the juniors.

"It was really good because last year, I skipped the Canadian championships because of an injury. I got my national team spot back through the box-offs," says Kamal. "This year, I had another national champion to deal with and there's lots of hype surrounding him. So by the luck of the cards I got a first and took care of him; gave him an eight count. I beat him 30-20 and it was one of the better fights of

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