

Bika's \$800,000 for TV KO

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KOGARAH'S Sakio Bika got his education at the school of hard knocks but after winning more than \$800,000 yesterday in the final of the US reality show *The Contender*, he's talking about sending his son Zidane, 2, to the famous American university, Harvard.

Bika, who grew up dirt poor in Cameroon before settling in Sydney after the 2000 Olympics, climbed from the canvas to score a crushing eighth-round knockout of American slugger Jaidon Codrington in the biggest

moment of his boxing career at the TD Banknorth Garden in Boston.

It was a great day for Australian boxing with Sam Soliman taking out the consolation final on the show and collecting \$145,000.

Bika, 28, said the prizemoney, nearly seven times what he earned for going 12 ferocious rounds with Welsh great Joe Calzaghe last year, would allow him to move his wife and son from their rented unit into a new home and make sure his son Zidane got a great education.

**The final screens Nov 26
at 9.30pm on Fox8**