

Baker Is Held To Draw In 10

CINCINNATI — Kid Riviera, a Chicago heavyweight who has not been so busy in recent months, sprung a big surprise here last Monday night when he held Bob Baker of Pittsburgh to a draw. Baker won 25 straight before he met bull-shouldered Riviera.

Baker was the solid choice to score his 26th victory and go into Madison Square Garden against Clarence Henry on the night of Nov. 23 with an untarnished record.

Riviera, who came down from Chicago with a reputation of being a tough customer, was just that. He weighed 226 pounds and he employed that beef to the best advantage throughout.

Undaunted by Baker's unbeaten record and rating as the No. 4 heavyweight in the country, Rivi-

era went to work early. He had a flexible left that he threw from different angles and the Kid kept it constantly in Baker's face.

This was annoying to Baker but he never did much by way of retaliation. Beltin' Bob, who had knocked out 17 of his 25 victims, moved in now and then, but most of his punches were either blocked or lacked sleep-producing zing.

Chris Dundee, manager of Baker, stormed and fussed all over the arena after the decision. "How can they call it a draw," he yelled. "All Riviera did was clown around all night. This is awful."

Dundee accused ringsiders of influencing the judges. "They call it a press row," he said, "and then let everyone sit there who doesn't belong."