

# Baker Defeats John Holman In 10-Rounder

MIAMI BEACH — Pittsburgh's Bob Baker won the first test in a series of elimination bouts being conducted to select a successor for retired heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano.

The hulking Baker pounded out a 12 round decision over Johnny Holman of Chicago in Miami Beach auditorium here last week.

After the bout Bob's manager, Dusty Betere, said he expected his fighter to land a match with the winner of the Floyd Patterson-Hurricane Jackson bout, June 8 in the Madison Square Garden.

The plodding Baker, who has failed to impress in recent bouts, pounded Holman at will in the late rounds. He opened a gash over Holman's left eye in the sixth round and the blood flowed freely over Johnny's face.

Holman, who pivoted into the heavyweight picture with a knockout win over Bob Satterfield, tried to land a one-punch knockout, but couldn't cope with the heavier Baker. He weighed 206 to Baker's 211.