

Battle of Hastings recount

In 1066AD a serious conflict came about between three European rulers; Harold Godwinson, William Duke of Normandy and Harald Hardrada. This dispute was caused due to King Edward's passing and the throne was left unfilled. Three men had the desire to be crowned but with only one crown, only one could win. With all of the hostility around, two battles were fought before the champions took over England. Harold and Harald were the first to confront each other in a battle at Stamford Bridge in York and Harold won. After this feud in York Harold's men were exhausted, enthusiastic about winning, but exhausted. Harold wouldn't wait for backup men, he lead his troupes down to Hastings to find William waiting. William instantly had an advantage over Harold because he had been at Hastings days before the battle was due to commence; Therefore all of his men were well rested and William got the first pick of positions on the field. After a long wait Harold eventually arrived at Hastings and ...

It had started, William on the lower field and Harold taking position with the high- ground. William was well prepared whereas Harold was not; William had cavalry and archers all upfront, Harold told his men to stand straight and form a shield wall as protection. The Normans charged at the Anglo- Saxons, but the shield wall wouldn't budge. What happened next would change everything and is the reason William was victorious. The Normans thought of a genius tactic that was to pretend they had lost hope and given up. They retreated causing Harold's men to celebrate and brake form, little did they know William's plan was working because he knew with his cavalry and archers all he had to do was turn around and he could slaughter the Anglo- Saxons within minutes. If only Harold was looking out and watching for what could harm him as it is believed he got shot in the eye with an arrow. Now there was no escape for the Anglo- Saxons. As King Harold was shot in the eye it was only right for his men to die beside him in battle, William Duke of Normandy was victorious!

All hail William the Conqueror!