

Why did William win the battle of Hastings?

The battle of Hastings happened in 1066. It was fought between William of Normandy and King Harold of England. This fight occurred because the previous king of England, Edward the Confessor, died with no family to pass the throne onto. It originally started with three men that were Harold Godwinson (who was a Viking) and William and Harold. But Harold died in the first battle against Harold.

I believe William's skillful leadership played a key role in his victory at Hastings. It helped William to win because he encouraged his troops and tricked the Saxons into breaking the shield wall.

By running to Harold's army and pretending to retreat made the inexperienced fighters run after them. This ~~error~~ also gave the Saxons a false sense of confidence. It was important they broke the shield wall and they wouldn't be able to surround the Saxons. King Harold had inexperienced fighters left as many died in his recent fight with Harold Godwinson. William also showed courage and brave leadership as he proved he was alive and lead his men up again. This was crucial to

help him win as William could start killing the Saxons.

William was excellently prepared for the Battle of Hastings. He did many things such as keep his troops prepared and ready for battle all night long and he had different layers of soldiers doing different jobs. He had most of his archers at the front, but must have kept some archers for the end, as I know this because that's how Harold died. With an arrow through his eye. William also brought a banner from the pope saying God was on his side. This had a big impact on Harold because as most of his soldiers were dead, it also helped William win because everyone was prepared and in the right frame of mind on his side.

Harold making mistakes was not as big a contributor to William's victory as William had a great advantage over Harold anyway. But this did still help him win because it allowed them to kill Harold and his troops by getting Saxons to chase them.

In conclusion, I believe the evidence suggests that it was mainly William and his leadership and preparation skills that made him win rather than luck or Harold failing.