

Battle of Bosworth Card Sort

Lord Thomas Stanley swapped sides during the battle and turned against Richard in favour of Henry.

Richard captured Lord Thomas Stanley's son and threatened to kill him if Stanley did not fight for him.

Richard brought a cannon to the battle; the greatest weapon of the time.

Part of Richard's army did not enter the fight. The Duke of Northumberland may have been unhappy with Richard, or simply unable to act as they had been positioned in an awkward place.

Henry's army was made up of experienced mercenaries from France, as well as loyalist Welsh troops. Henry spent his childhood in Wales and the previous 14 years in France.

Richard impetuously charged Henry's position with a small bodyguard, hoping to kill Henry quickly.

Henry had little experience of battle so gave command of his army to the Duke of Oxford.

Henry stayed back from the fighting, surrounded by bodyguards.

Henry's army stayed closely bunched together. If they had spread out they may have been easier to destroy.

Henry's men seemed to perform better than Richard's once hand-to-hand combat was joined.

Richard was cut down by Lord Stanley's men before he could get to Henry. Analysis of his skeleton show eight serious head wounds.

Some soldiers left Richard's army to join Henry some days before the battle.