

# Kingsford

## Quality 3yo with full career ahead - Warrnambool bound

Possessed with a great turn of foot, the 3yo gelding by Almanzor called Kingsford is a most exciting proposition. A fast-finishing 2nd in his only race start, the horse is poised to join Matt Williams in Warrnambool where, as has happened so frequently with Matt and OTI before, he will initially be targeted towards the May Carnival.

Kingsford was acquired after being identified by Phill Cataldo, OTI's agent in New Zealand. Phill had seen the gelding's potential when he produced strong finishes in his 800m jumpouts. When Kingsford again impressed in coming from back in the field to finish 2nd on debut on February 9, OTI and Matt Williams acted to secure the horse. In this race, he ran the fastest last 600m (34.20) and 400m (22.69). Indeed, his times were on par with the fastest sectionals on the day.



Kingsford's athletic qualities (including his turn of foot), breeding and conformation provide significant confidence in him as a horse that should run through his grades to a high level. When assessed by our vets in both New Zealand and Australia, he was given a low-risk rating.

A strong, relaxed horse, standing 16 hands and weighing 500kgs, Kingsford is typical of the Almanzor breed. The gelding is from the Lonhro mare Fearless Choice. She, in turn, is from a Redoute's Choice mare. The speed aspect of the pedigree indicates that this fellow should be at his best between 1600-2000m.

As mentioned, OTI has enjoyed considerable success with Matt Williams for many seasons with Toregene, Harbour Views and Gailo Chop to name a few. He always has a stakes horse in his Warrnambool stable and features regularly at the May Carnival. Matt is also responsible for the rehabilitation of injured horses and has been responsible for the successful racing return of many of OTI's elite gallopers.

Kingsford is due to arrive in Australia on March 5. Given his race fitness, it is planned to continue his campaign into the Warrnambool Carnival. His condition and performance will then dictate the balance of his 3-year-old career. As OTI has experienced with Almanzor (including 3 x stakes winner Athabasca), they tend to improve with age. Hence, there is confidence that there is still considerable improvement to come from the gelding.

At \$19,500 plus GST for a 10% interest and \$9,750 plus GST for 5%, Kingsford is very well priced for a 3yo with proven ability. These figures include all expenses to March 31, 2025, and insurance cover to July 31, 2025.