

Farda Amiga

The Brazilian flag waved and chants of “Fly Farda Fly” rang out on a couple of big occasions this past year and made for some of the 2002 racing season’s most memorable moments at both Churchill Downs and Saratoga.

Farda Amiga, a bay daughter of Broad Brush racing for Brazilian natives Julio Camargo, Marcos Simon, and Jose DeCamargo, first sprang a 20-1 come-from-behind victory over eight outstanding fillies in the Kentucky Oaks (gr. I). Following that upset win, Farda Amiga spiked a fever and had a high white blood cell count which put her on the shelf. She returned in August and scored a three-quarter-length win in the Alabama Stakes (gr. I) over five rivals, again sending the Brazilian flag waving.

Farda Amiga moved from the Alabama to the Breeders’ Cup Distaff (gr. I) where she finished second, five lengths behind unanimous champion older female as well as Horse of the Year finalist Azeri, proving she could compete with older fillies and mares as well as her fellow 3-year-olds.

Farda Amiga’s racing career began in 2001 with a 2½-length maiden victory on the Del Mar turf. Her next outing, which completed her juvenile campaign, was a fifth-place finish in the Miesque Stakes (gr. IIIT).

The Paulo Labo trainee began her sophomore season on the turf. She finished a disappointing seventh in the Blue Norther Stakes before scoring a head victory over Ile de France in an optional claiming allowance.

After that victory it was decided because of pedigree, (Broad Brush—Fly North, by Pleasant Colony), that Farda Amiga should be given a chance on the main track, and she made that move look like a wise one in the grade I Santa Anita Oaks. She finished fourth, trailing the winner, You, by only two lengths. That main track effort impressed both the owners and trainer and it was decided she would remain on the dirt.

Her next main track effort came on the first Friday in May under the Twin Spires of Churchill Downs in the Kentucky Oaks, where the betting public dismissed her in favor of more-celebrated fillies Take Charge Lady, You, and Imperial Gesture.

Odds meant nothing once the gates opened, however. In the early going of the Oaks, Farda Amiga contently remained off the early pace before swinging five-wide at the end of the backstretch and unleashing a powerful kick that would send her across the wire first and set-off a mini version of Carnival in Rio inside the Churchill Downs winner’s circle.

The Alabama victory was no different as Farda Amiga again made easy work of her rivals by eating up late ground. The winner’s circle celebration again erupted into a celebration scene with the familiar chants of “Fly Farda Fly” ringing into the New York sky.

Farda Amiga, which means “friendly silks” in Portuguese, was purchased at the 2000 Keeneland September yearling sale for \$45,000 in the name of Santa Escolastica from the consignment of Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent.

Bred in Kentucky by Virginia Kraft Payson’s Payson Stud, Farda Amiga retired in November with four wins from eight starts and earnings of \$1,282,302. Payson also bred Vindication, finalist for champion 2-year-old male honors.

Farda Amiga had been scheduled to run as a 4-year-old but minor physical problems would have delayed her return to the track after her effort in the Breeders’ Cup World Thoroughbred Championships.

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3-YEAR-OLD FEMALE FINALIST



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Farda Amiga
Owner: Old Friends Inc. (J. Camargo, M. Simon, & J. DeCamargo)

B. f. 4 KEESPE00 \$45,000
Sire: Broad Brush (Ack Ack) \$100,000
Dam: Fly North(Pleasant Colony)
Br: Payson Stud Inc (Ky)
Tr: Lobo Paulo H (-) 2002:(46 4 .09)

Life	8	4	1	0	\$1,282,302	103	D.Fst	2	1	0	0	\$366,502	103
2002	6	3	1	0	\$1,248,902	103	Wet(400)	2	1	1	0	\$850,000	103
2001	2	1	0	0	\$33,400	78	Turf(315)	4	2	0	0	\$65,800	84
CSC	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Dist	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

26 Oct02-3AP	gd	1 1/4	:46 1.09 1.35 1.48 3 1/4	@B C Distaff-G1	103	3	45 1/2	45	35	25	Day P	L 119	4.90	100	-	Azeri1235 Farda Amiga119nd Imperial Gesture1193 1/2	Broke awkwardly	8	
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3 May02-9CD	fst	1 1/4	:474 1.12 1.37 1.50 2	@Ky Oaks-G1	103	1	75	75 1/2	51 1/2	21 1/2	McCarron C J	L 121	20.00	84	-17	FardaAmiga121 1/2 TakeChargeLady121 1/2 Habibti121 1/2	Lean in 3/16s, driving	9	
9 Mar02-7SA	fst	1 1/8	:23 :46 2 1.10 2 1.42 3	@S A Oaks-G1	95	1	91 1/2	88 3/4	85 1/2	54	42	McCarron C J	LB 117	35.20	89	-10	You117 1/2 Habibti117 1/2 Ile De France117no	4wd into str, missed 3d	9
9 Feb02-2SA	fm	1	@ :232 :47 2 1.12 1.36 4	@OClm 80000N	84	7	79	88 1/2	65 1/2	63 3/4	1hd	McCarron C J	LB 118	5.20	78	-19	Farda Amiga118nd IleDeFrance1182 TempoWest118 1/2	Blocked 3/16-1/8, up	8
9 Jan02-7SA	fm	1	@ :234 :47 1.11 1.35 3	@Blue Norther76k	70	8	53 1/2	42	42 1/2	64 3/4	76 1/2	Almeida G F	LB 114	6.30	77	-14	Megahertz116 1/2 Nunatal116 1/2 La Martina1203	3wd 1st turn, no rally	8

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