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Jorge Martín, MotoGP vice World Champion, in the stands in Doha: "It's my first time, a great emotion!"

Top padel before **World Championship** debut. This week **Qatar**, where the first **Premier Padel Major** of the season is taking place, is also hosting the first 2024 MotoGP Grand Prix and a star of Moto GP - the highest class of motorcycle road racing events - was spotted today at the **Khalifa International Tennis & Squash Complex: Jorge Martín**.

The **Spanish racer**, from the Prima Pramac Ducati team, showed up at the **Doha venue** to watch today's quarter final matches, particularly those involving **Franco Stupaczuk** and **Martin Di Nenno (3)** and **Arturo Coello** and **Agustin Tapia (2)**. In Moto GP, Jorge Martín was **2nd** in the riders' championship last season after an exciting duel with **Pecco Bagnaia**.

Today he enjoyed a few hours of relax to admire the evolutions with the racquet of the great champions of the discipline, before returning to be a leading actor on the **Lusail circuit**, some **20 kilometers north of Doha**.

We meet him in the player lounge while talking padel and motorbikes with **Fernando Belasteguin**. *'Bela a great guy,'* says Jorge of Bela, who returns the compliment. Then he adds: *"A problem with my ankle lately prevents me from practicing it, but **I really like padel**: I've never had the chance to go to a tournament, so I'm very happy to be here and witness spectacular matches in person. The similarities between padel and the world of motorcycles? Not many, maybe that you have to work a lot with your hand and wrist and have very good reaction times. As for the players, I really like **Martin (Di Nenno)**...I know him personally and I was able to play with him, I will enjoy his game. And I am curious to see **Arturo (Coello)** at work".*

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