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## Pietrangeli lights up for Belasteguín. The Argentinean: "Wonderful environment"

"Give me the jersey, Bela!". On the **Nicola Pietrangeli**, Argentine champion **Fernando Belasteguín** and his Spanish partner **Mike Yanguas** have just defeated **Gonzalez** and **Luque**, booking the pass to the **BNL Italy Major Premier Padel** Round of 16, and people do not stop cheering them on, asking for gadgets and memorabilia to keep from what was a great padel afternoon. **Belasteguín** does not shirk, climbing over the protective barrier and indulging in selfies and autographs, as well as giving away wristbands, balls, towels. Everything possible.

He was one of the most awaited in this "Wednesday of the Bigs" at the **Roman Major** and he did not betray expectations, as he is considered one of the main padel ambassadors. Two stands full of fans to follow him and **Yanguas**, who put on a show against their Spanish opponents, beaten 6-4 6-4 without ever losing their serve. Lots of fans, jerseys of Argentina, Italy, Roma, even former Italy national team goalkeeper - now TV pundit - Luca Marchegiani in the stands. Even the people lining the **Pietrangeli** to get to the Stadio Olimpico to watch the Depeche Mode concert raise their heads and try to peek at the field to see who the people crowded in the stands are following.

*"The environment is really beautiful, we are for the second year in a row at Foro Italico, this year we will also be able to play on the Centre Court, and we made our debut on the Pietrangeli, which I think is the most beautiful tennis stadium in the world, with its peculiar statues",* Bela's words, *"Playing in this historic scenario, with these people, will be a memory for a lifetime. The debut? We are very demanding with ourselves, we always try to play our best".*

Closing statements for **Yanguas**, who obviously agrees with his partner. *"Playing here with all these people is historic, the environment is really fascinating and unbelievable, an emblematic location",* he explains, *"We have shown a great level, our goal is to win games, we are happy and motivated. Ambitions are high and we want to win, starting on Thursday to go through the quarterfinals".*

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