

It is a phenomenon that runs through all sports: time and again, siblings appear who are world-class in the same profession: the Schumacher brothers in Formula 1, the Williams sisters in tennis, the Sedins and Staals in ice hockey. And, of course, in MotoGP, in the Márquez and Espargarós we have two pairs of brothers who are rivals on the track but still family the rest of the time. Julià Márquez, Marc and Àlex's father, is popular with the cameras at the circuits. He lives the highs and lows with his sons so visibly, it's as if he were riding himself. His face among the Repsol Honda crowd celebrating a victory by Marc shows just how much he has enjoyed the journey that began some 25 years ago with children's races at the local motorcycle club, where he was a track marshal and his wife, Roser, made the sandwiches in the canteen. The relationship between the Márquez parents and their long-since adult sons, both world champions, has changed in many ways down the years. But one thing has remained constant: Marc learnt the trust and respect for others that he calls for in his working environment at home in Cervera, Spain, with Roser and Julià, his grandparents, and brother Àlex, three years his junior.

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Marc and Àlex at their home near Madrid, watching football together on TV.

