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## HE SAID WHAT?

I'm not here to tow you to Paris  
 Tour de France champion Cadel Evans tells the Schleck brothers to do their own grunt work during the closing stages last week

# United colours of SA footy

**D**ESPITE a winter of football discontent, Crows skipper **Nathan van Berlo** and Power forward **Daniel Motlop** want today's Showdown XXXI to celebrate all that is great about the game in South Australia.

And the pair have implored fans to defy the knockers bad-mouthing SA footy and fill AAMI Stadium for the 4.10pm clash to deliver a statement

on the pride of the game locally.

Van Berlo and Motlop, both ambassadors for the Little Heroes Foundation, joined 11 Foundation kids who represented the nine SANFL and two AFL clubs as part of a push to reunify the code.

"They always manage to put a smile on their face and seem so positive about life," van Berlo said.

"And I guess we should relate that

to footy after we've had maybe a tough day or tough week."

More than 300 guests raised funds for these kids and others at the sold-out Little Heroes Showdown lunch on Friday at the National Wine Centre.

"Having a son of my own it opens your eyes up a bit," Motlop said.

"So it's good that we can support them in a small way."



**Ambassadors:** Nathan van Berlo and Daniel Motlop with Little Heroes Foundation kids (from left) Adam 11, Toby, 12, Chelsea, 5, Archer 9, Harley, 8, Harry, 4, James, 6, Mackenzie, 5, Alexander, 5, Elsa, 8 and Ryan, 4 at AAMI Stadium. **Picture:** Jo-Anna Robinson