



Howie longs for better portrayal of ‘The Town’

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The Pride of Charlestown, **Howie Long**, hasn't lived in the Boston burg for decades, but once a Townie, always a Townie!

The **FOX Sports** pigskin yakker and hunky hawker of **Chevy** trucks, who was honored as a “Hometown Hall of Famer” by the **Football Hall of Fame** and **Allstate Insurance** at the local **Boys & Girls Club** yesterday, wasn't enamored with his people's portrayal in [Ben Affleck](#)'s “The Town.”

“It was entertaining,” Long said with a stiff smile after club CEO **Josh Kraft** slagged the cops-and-robbers flick.

While introducing the former **Oakland Raiders** defensive tackle and eight-time **Pro Bowler** to the crowd, Josh said: “It's great when someone from Charlestown did something great with their life instead of somebody from Cambridge that wrote a movie about Charlestown.”

Meeeeouch!

Long, who moved to Milford in his teens and became a star football player, remembered earlier days spent at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club keeping himself out of trouble.

“It's where it all began, and where I first fell in love with sports,” he told the group.

Later, Howie, 51, told the Track he always viewed the club as “a safe haven for kids.”

“There was camaraderie, mentoring, and it gives children a direction,” he said.

But most of all, he recalls getting a jump on his storied pigskin career on a patch of grass on Rutherford Avenue.

“Right next to **Hood Milk**,” he laughed.