

# Mark Wahlberg shows off Southern charm

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"Broken City" star **Mark Wahlberg** assured **Patriots** fans last night that he was only being "diplomatic" and "polite" in Atlanta when he sounded like he turned on his hometown boys in favor of the **Falcons**.

"We know the outcome," Marky told the Track at his foundation's benefit screening for 300 at the **Patriot Cinema** in the **Hingham Shipyard**. "When you're in Atlanta, you have to be very hospitable. They are so nice and polite and kind, you have to return the favor. You have to be diplomatic. I want everyone to go see my movie!"

BTW, the Patriots who showed up for the event — **Julian Edelman**, **Dane Fletcher**, **Patrick Chung** and **Rob Gronkowski's** bro **Dan** — hardly seemed peeved by Wahlberg's reMarks.

But it was **Olympic** gold medalist **Kayla Harrison's** guns that stunned the jacked "Fighter" star.

"Wow, I am intimidated, but impressed," Wahlberg told her as the judo champ thanked him for the invitation. "Thank you for coming. It's an honor."

During his talk with the Track, Mark also leapt to the defense of fellow Boston boy **Ben Affleck**, who was snubbed for a Best Director by the **Oscar** peeps.



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**MARKED MAN:** Mark Wahlberg squeezes Olympic judo gold medalist Kayla Harrison's guns at a 'Broken City' screening yesterday at the Patriot Cinema in Hingham.

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"I don't throw the compliments around when it comes to other Boston guys," said the Pride of Dorchester. "I'll be the first to admit that the three of us are all very competitive; we want to outdo each other.

"But I am very impressed by his abilities behind the camera," said Mark, who brought "Broken City" director **Allen Hughes** to the event. "I am a fan and he's proven himself to be a force of nature. He's got the goods and I want to work with him."

But before that can happen, Wahlberg is readying for "Ted 2," which he said should begin shooting in September.

"I've never done a sequel before, but I have no fear," said the actor. "**Seth MacFarlane** delivers."

There's also the **Teamsters Local 25** reality pilot he's "very excited about," the **Wahlburgers** docudrama he's filming for the **History Channel** and his **A&E** reality show about Southie girls.

"This is not the 'Jersey Shore,'" he said. "These are very compelling shows. (Boston) is a classy town and we want to show that we're doing good things."

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