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Clinton Portis bids farewell, strips down at Knock Out Abuse

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Clinton Portis showed us his tattoos at Knock Out Abuse. (Davide De Pas for Knock Out Abuse)

Most football stars probably wouldn't choose a ballroom of chattering socialite ladies as the place to deliver their valedictory address. But then **Clinton Portis** was never your typical football star.

And for the past five or six years, he's also been a happy outlier at Knock Out Abuse — one of the few men in regular attendance at the raucous girls-night-out gala. At the end of Thursday's party, the running back — who was [released by the Redskins in February](#) — asked for a moment to speak.

"I love D.C.," Portis said, "and I never really had a proper goodbye." (*Shhhussshh, ladies! He's being serious!*) He said he knew it was probably just a business decision for the Redskins, no hard feelings. "Still my favorite team." Portis said he hopes to play football somewhere else eventually, but "even if I do, a part of my heart is in this city."

Aww, Clinton! That's so sweet! Minutes earlier, of course, a naughtier Portis had been on display, as he *took his clothes off* (well, most of them) to encourage live-auction bidding on a dinner with CP himself at Cafe Milano. (Readers, it went for \$6,000; part of the \$541K raised overall for domestic violence prevention. Across town, at the men-only Fight Night, founder **Joe Robert** donated \$5 million to children's charities.) Later, we fought our way through a crowd of evening-gowned hotties swarming the gridiron hero to ask (dumb question?) what drew him to this party. "It's a great event, and a good cause," he said. "I'd come back every year."