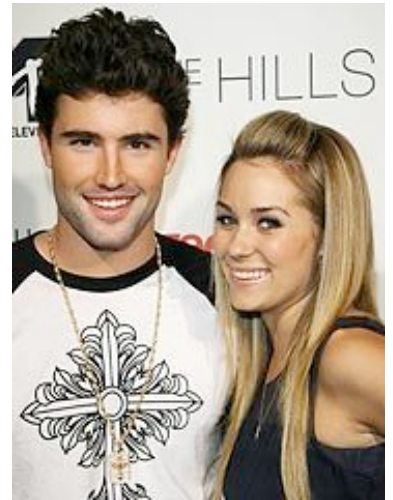


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***The Hills*: Brody Jenner Denies Romance with LC**

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For *Hills* fans hoping for a finale love declaration between **Lauren “LC” Conrad** and **Brody Jenner**, don’t hold your breath.

Rumored to be dating on and off for more than a year, Jenner denies that he and Conrad were ever an item.

“There’s nothing romantic—it’s never really been like that,” Jenner, 24, told PEOPLE Friday at N.Y.C.’s newly opened nightclub Touch. “I love Lauren. She is a great friend of mine.”

Jenner, who was in town promoting his new Archangel jewelry and clothing line, was somewhat more coy when asked about *The Hills*’ Dec. 10 **season finale**, however.

“My contract really doesn’t allow me to talk about that stuff.” Jenner said. — *Bethany Lye and Nicholas White*