

Laila Ali weds retired NFL star Curtis Conway

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Laila Ali and retired NFL star Curtis Conway were married this weekend, her manager, Eric Kaufman, said Monday.

Kaufman wouldn't release any details of Sunday's wedding.

Guests included Ali's par-

ents, Muhammad Ali and Veronica Porsche Anderson; her sister Hana Ali; Conway's 12-year-old twin sons, Cameron and Kelton; and his 8-year-old daughter, Leilani, *People* magazine reported on its website.

The 29-year-old, qua-

druple crown, super middle-weight champion wore a champagne-colored, silk charmeuse, strapless, mermaid gown, the magazine reported. She was among the competitors on last season's "Dancing With the Stars" on ABC.

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Ali divorced her husband and former promoter Yahya McClain in 2005.

Hopkins

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Judges Glenn Trowbridge and Dave Moretti scored it 117-111 for Hopkins;

Glenn Hamada scored it 116-112. The Associated Press also gave it to Hopkins, 115-113.

The punch statistics were nearly as even as the fight. Hopkins landed 152 of his 640 punches, and Wright landed 167 of his 618 blows.

"I won the fight," said Wright, who doesn't plan to fight again at 170 pounds. "It was a dirty fight. He was head-butting all day. I still want to fight the best. I thought I won the fight, but it was a close fight. ...I don't think the head-butt was intentional. It was a head-butt. That's that."

Though the fight matched two veterans known best for their defense and counterpunching, a potentially boring matchup got interesting at Friday's weigh-in.

After the fighters exchanged insults, Hopkins shoved Wright in the face, precipitating a brief scuffle between their entourages. Hopkins could face a hefty fine because of his actions.

Hopkins was his usual ebullient self even before the scuffle, promising to be a "big bully" and declaring he had discovered a plan to penetrate Wright's renowned defense, saying, "Everybody has a plan until they get hit."

After gaining 10 pounds of muscle for his first fight as a light heavyweight, Wright wasn't the defensive fighter who has never been knocked out. He charged Hopkins and forced early action — but early in the third, the fighters bumped heads while Wright moved forward, opening a gash over Wright's left eye. Wright gestured angrily at Hopkins, apparently feeling the bump was on purpose.

"He was coming towards me, and I was going under," Hopkins said. "It definitely was an accidental head-butt. It happens a lot when you fight southpaws."

Hopkins' legacy already is secure after his record 21 straight defenses of his middleweight title, and he already left boxing on a perfect note last year with a remarkable upset victory over Tarver — but couldn't resist the lure of the ring.

He originally hoped to fight as a heavyweight before accepting a match with Wright, who had Hopkins near the top of his "hit list" of potential opponents.

Critics and many fans derided Hopkins' matchup with Wright from the moment it was announced because it matched two fighters with well-deserved reputations as cautious fighters. Wright hadn't knocked out an opponent since 2002, while Hopkins had just one knockout in the same stretch against Oscar De La Hoya.

But Wright hadn't lost in 7 1/2 years, with only a disputed draw against Jermain Taylor blemishing his record. After a career spent chasing good fights against contenders who didn't want to risk facing his left-handed style, Wright has made up for lost time with a series of strong outings that began with two victories over Sugar Shane Mosley in 2004.

Hopkins also lost his previous two fights to Taylor before upsetting Tarver, leading many to think the courageous ex-convict's best days were behind him.

On the undercard, Venezuela's Jorge Linares won the WBC interim featherweight title with a 10th-round TKO of veteran Oscar Larios. Australia's Michael Katsidis and the Philippines' Czar Amosot put on the best show, with Katsidis surviving two badly bloodied eyes to keep the WBO interim lightweight title and remain unbeaten with a unanimous decision.



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The stars came out for Saturday night's fundraiser for the Chris Webber Foundation at Caesars Palace. Actress Mari Morrow, left, and legendary deejay Spinderella joined Webber, of the NBA's Detroit Pistons. The foundation's mission is to provide positive educational opportunities for youth and those from disadvantaged U.S. communities.

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