

Tao Li to meet old friends

NATIONAL swim star Tao Li will renew acquaintances with Australian Olympic medallists Libby Trickett and Jessica Schipper at the upcoming Fina/Arena Swimming World Cup short course (25-metre) meet here at the Singapore Sports School from Nov 21-22.

The 19-year-old finished fifth in a time of 57.99secs in the women's 100m butterfly final at last year's Beijing Olympics, behind gold medallist Trickett (56.73s) and bronze medallist Schipper (57.25s).

Fans can also expect to see former men's world 50m butterfly record holder Geoff

Heugill of Australia, reigning American Olympic 200m backstroke gold medallist Aaron Piersol, and Australia's three-time women's Olympic gold medallist Leisel Jones.

The 2009 Fina/Arena Swimming World Cup is a short course series starting in Durban, South Africa next month before making stops in Moscow, Stockholm, Berlin and ending in Singapore. The heats start from 9.30am on both days.

Tickets are available at www.finaworldcup.com.sg, or call 6258 1011 for more information.