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Veteran Israeli gymnast **Ofir Netzer** told IG that her fourth-place vault finish and near-finals status on two other events at last weekend's Challenge Cup of Koper indicates her potential for even better results ahead.

"I think if my landing was more accurate, I would have placed in the top three and I would have won a medal," said Netzer, who placed fourth on vault, and 10th on uneven bars and floor exercise, in the Slovenian city. "I competed in three apparatus without falling. I got to the final in vault, and almost two more finals, so I can say the competition was good for me at this time of the season."

Netzer, who also placed fourth on vault at the 2013 European Championships in Moscow and the 2017 Challenge Cup in Varna, Bulgaria, said Koper served as part of her preparation for this summer's European Championships in Glasgow, Scotland, and this fall's World Championships in Doha, Qatar.

"I will compete all-around at the World Championships," said Netzer, whose best Worlds finish thus far is 13th on vault at the 2013 Worlds in Antwerp. "Now I'm practicing to raise the level of difficulty of my vault, and improve the execution score."

Netzer, who turned 22 on May 13, said she is optimistic for future success after managing physical and emotional difficulties she has faced over the past several years.

"After the 2013 European Championships finals, I've had a lot of serious injuries," she told IG. "I was able to return to a competitive situation and for that I am happy. Every step of progress gives me more motivation to continue. In addition, this year my coach, **Boris Kinev**, got sick. I have a lot of motivation to train hard and I hope that in the near future we will be able to get

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back together.”

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