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British gymnast **Georgia-Mae Fenton** told IG she believes her team has at least “an outside chance” to repeat as medalists at the 2018 World Championships which will begin October 25 in Doha, Qatar.

“It really depends,” said Fenton, who will turn 18 on November 2. “Team finals are so unpredictable. Anything can happen, and there are so many strong teams in the world right now. But I feel if we all do our very best performances we can finish in the top five, and maybe have an outside chance of a medal.”

At the 2015 Worlds in Glasgow, the British women won bronze in the team final. No team competition took place at the 2017 Worlds in Montreal.

Becky Downie, Ellie Downie, Alice Kinsella and **Kelly Simm** have also been named to the British team that will compete in Doha.

Fenton said the British women have recently focused on consistency on balance beam, the apparatus on which the team made several errors at this summer’s European Championships in Glasgow, Scotland.

“We’ve been doing a lot more numbers, a lot more routines,” she said. “We’ve been doing a lot more pressure sets. We do this thing called Beam Team, where we’ve all got to go straight into our beam routine and try and go through it cleanly, all to try and improve our performances on beam in Doha.”

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Fenton said her personal hope is to advance to the apparatus final on uneven bars, after placing 10th in qualifications and serving as first reserve for the final in Montreal.

“I would obviously love to make the bars final, because that’s my best piece and that’s really what I’m aiming for,” said Fenton, who placed first on uneven bars at the Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, Australia, in April. “I have upgraded my routine. I did try the routine at Europeans, but it didn’t quite go to plan. So again, I’ve just been doing more numbers, and more routines to try and get more consistency under my belt. Hopefully I can perform it well at Worlds.”

Fenton, who placed second on balance beam at the 2017 Challenge Cup of Varna and eighth on floor exercise at the 2018 Europeans, said she can contribute her own mix of assets to the British team’s potential success in Doha.

“I feel like I bring some artistry to the team,” she told IG. “I’m not as powerful as some, but I bring some elegance, good lines and good execution.”

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