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Frank Schleck surgery goes well
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Surgery to remove plate from Frank Schleck's collarbone goes smoothly

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Though everyone on LEOPARD TREK has their minds firmly set on the 2011 season, and in particular the 2011 Tour de France, Frank Schleck had a little reminder of his 2010 Tour removed from his collarbone on Thursday. Having left the team training camp one day early so that the surgery to remove a plate from his collarbone could be performed on January 20th, Schleck will spend the weekend recovering from the minor operation.

"Everything went well, even though it has been a busy couple of days," Frank Schleck reported from his home Thursday afternoon. "I left camp on Wednesday evening, though I was able to get a training ride in during the morning and early afternoon. Then with the late night arrival home, I barely had a full night's sleep before I went into surgery early Thursday morning. But now I have a few days to recover, and will be on my bike again by Sunday."

The operation required Schleck to be given a full anesthetic, though after a hard camp and rushed trip home, he may have been happy for the forced sleep. "I'm still a bit sleepy from the trip and the anesthesia," Schleck confirmed. "But the plate and six screws were removed. I am still in a bit of pain, but that is normal since it is really quite a big effort to get in there to take out all the hardware. By Sunday I should be fine and fully riding a normal routine on Monday."

