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Hero footballer saves opposing goalkeeper's life by preventing him swallowing his tongue after horror collision

Togo international Francis Kone was quick to grab the tongue when he noticed Martin Berkovec had been knocked unconscious during the game in the Czech Republic

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Kone was quick to stop Berkovec from swallowing his tongue. AFP

Togo international Francis Kone isn't the best known player in world football, but he has certainly had a huge impact on the lives of fellow professionals.

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Newcastle star nearly swallowed his tongue but says clash of heads 'was worth it'

Schar was involved in a sickening clash of heads with Georgia defender Jemal Tabidze on Saturday

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Fabian Schar has revealed he "can't remember anything" after an opposition player was forced to intervene to prevent him from swallowing his tongue.

Schar was involved in a sickening clash of heads with Jemal Tabidze midway through the first half of Switzerland's 2-0 Euro 2020 qualifying win against Georgia in Tbilisi.

The **Newcastle** defender was knocked unconscious by the collision and lay prone in the penalty area before Georgia midfielder Jano Ananidze reacted.

Ananidze realised the danger Schar was in and raced to the 27-year-old, inserting his hand into the defender's mouth to ensure that he did not swallow his tongue.



Ananidze prevents Schar from swallowing his tongue (Image: REUTERS)