

New Year, New **CRUSH**

Ultimate



The disc soared high through the air before landing in the hands of the receiver as he stepped into the endzone.

A season of postponed and canceled games left the new team eager to get outside. Coaches focused on switching up practices to accommodate the needs of a new team. "We have to cover a lot of the basics, and relearn our offenses and defenses, but it didn't necessarily hold us back, it was just awesome to have a new, young team," junior **Ethan Kahn** said.

Along with learning the basics, the players had to learn the values that come along with playing a sport as unique as ultimate. "There's no referees in high school ultimate, so you have to officiate yourselves and there's something called spirit

of the game,' which means you're not going to screw over someone and they aren't going to screw you over," junior **Daniel Hunegs** said.

Returning members noticed a shift in the team's dynamic. "There were more people taking on leadership roles with all the new players, people who had been playing for a few years helped teach the newer players," senior **Esther Gendler** said.

The second game against Nemea showcased the players' improvements after rigorous practices. "The most memorable game of the season was the game against Nemea, because we played them once and lost, but the second time, our unity and new energy helped us beat them," sophomore **Sarah Wojtasiak** said.



1 Sophomore **Lauren Schmelzer** and junior captain **Grace Hammond** play defense in order to stop Moundview.

2 Junior **Samuel Jensen** blocks his competitor and counts up to ten, decreasing the amount of time he has to throw the disc.

3 Captain **Esther Gendler** catches the disc mid-air, pushing down the offensive side of the field toward the end zone.

4 Freshman **Amara Foner** pivots while in possession of the disc in order to pass it to her teammates.

5 Junior **Boden Oelhafen** extends his leg in order to pass the disc. This was a common way to get the disc to his teammates.