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Harvard Beats Yale in Second Annual Harvard-Yale Blood Drive Challenge! *The Crimson tie the series at 1-1.*

February 22, 2006 (Cambridge, Mass.) – Harvard University has won the Second Annual Harvard-Yale Blood Drive Challenge. The event concluded last Friday, with Yale making a noble effort, only to be slightly outdone by Harvard. As a display of good sportsmanship, the Dean of Yale College has agreed to be photographed wearing Harvard apparel.

Harvard earned 528 points in this year's competition, just edging out Yale's total of 520 points. Points were awarded based on: total number of first-time donors, total number of volunteers and average number of units (pints) of blood collected at each school's blood drives.

Together, the two schools were responsible for collecting 573 units of blood. Because each individual unit of blood can potentially be distributed to three patients, the two schools combined are responsible for helping more than 1,500 hospital patients across New England! This total breaks the record from last year's competition, during which 564 units of blood were collected.

Harvard's victory ties the series at 1-1, as Yale was named the winner in last year's competition.

The American Red Cross holds blood drives almost seven days a week in communities across the Division. In order to donate blood through the American Red Cross, individuals must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in general good health. Members of the public are invited to call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit www.newenglandblood.org for additional information or to schedule an appointment to donate.

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The American Red Cross has been a primary supplier of lifesaving blood products in the United States for over 50 years. The American Red Cross Blood Services – Northeast Division supplies a wide range of blood components, plasma derivatives, and transfusion services to more than 200 hospitals and other medical facilities throughout Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Connecticut. It serves the blood needs of more than 9 million residents and many thousands more who travel to New England for care at many of the nation's top medical centers.

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