

# MARATHON PARTICIPATES:

## *Reality Golf Program*

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This May, a golf reality show, *PGA Tour 18 – Golf's Ultimate Road Trip*, featured 4 two-person teams battling coast-to-coast on a specially designed layout of 18 holes, on 18 different golf courses on the PGA Tour. The individual holes, located in 10 different states, were played by 8 amateur golfers selected from an open "audition." Marathon Coach was selected to provide two coaches that traversed the cross-country venues, visiting memorable and historic golf destinations along the way.

The three, one-hour programs aired May 7th, May 21st and May 28th on the CBS Sports Network. Hosted by David Feherty, the show included player profiles, as well as history about various tournaments and golf courses. Some of the stars of the PGA Tour shared their strategies for playing certain holes and for managing particular courses.

The amateur golfers endured quite a challenge: The team with the highest score after six holes was eliminated, resulting in three individual matches. Within each six-hole session, the teams played three formats: best ball, alternate shot and total score. Marathon Coach appreciated the opportunity to be involved in this interesting and fun program. •

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Above from left to right: Troy Hitt, Chip Greene, Roland Bassett, Kori Goulet, Petar Frease, Dave Moore, Dana Batiste, and Justin Kuehn.

