

SEC Extremely Generous

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When you've got money, you have the power to do what you want.

Just ask the Southeastern Conference, which continues to grow with new members almost every year. The University of Missouri and Texas A&M will join the fray in the fall of 2012. And with the SEC now up to 14 members, that means the conference

must also start playing league games a lot earlier.

Which means, the SEC can pull out its big fat wallet and pass out some serious cash. The most recent benefactors were Appalachian State University, the University of Montana and East Carolina University.

And they were all well paid for just moving a couple of dates around to not only to satisfy the SEC, but it's well-loved coach Steve (Superior) Spurrier of South Carolina.

See, the Gamecocks wanted to play East Carolina on September 8, but the Pirates were scheduled to play ASU on that day. But ECU, ASU and Montana all decided to be good sports, so they changed things around.

The Mountaineers will now play ECU on September 1 in Greenville, NC, in their season opener, and ASU will now play Montana in its home opener (originally scheduled for September 1) on September 8. And for their efforts, Montana received a \$150,000 pay day, ASU and ECU each received \$125,000, according to Montana Athletics Director Jim O'Day.

Who said nice guys finish last?