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n. pl. dedans (-dän , -dänz)

1. A screened gallery for spectators at the service end of a court-tennis court.
2. The spectators at a court-tennis match.

[French, from *dedans*, inside, from Old French *dedenz* : *de*, of, from (from Latin *dē*; see [DE-](#)) + *denz*, within (from Late Latin *deintus*, from within : Latin *dē* + Latin *intus*, within; see **en** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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