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Founding and Ownership: Established in 1998, the Washington Mystics are one of the WNBA's oldest franchises. Owned by Monumental Sports & Entertainment, they have benefited from the same ownership group as the NBA's Washington Wizards and NHL's Capitals, offering stability and enhanced resources for growth.

Record-Setting 2024 Attendance: The Mystics set a WNBA attendance record in 2024, with 20,711 fans attending a game at Capital One Arena. This attendance milestone reflects the team's passionate fanbase and growing influence in the D.C. area.

WNBA Championship: The Mystics captured their first title in 2019, led by MVP Elena Delle Donne and Finals MVP Emma Meesseman. The season was notable for Delle Donne's achievement of becoming the first WNBA player in the 50–40–90 club.

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Elena Delle Donne's Leadership: Delle Donne, acquired in a 2017 trade, transformed the Mystics into a title contender. Her MVP performances, despite injuries, have earned her a place among the franchise's greatest players, and she remains a central figure on the roster as of 2024.

Recent Coaching Changes: In 2024, the Mystics parted ways with head coach Eric Thibault, son of former head coach Mike Thibault,

signaling a shift in leadership.