

# 2021 Hot 100: Players 10-1



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## 9--Morgan Mesaros MIF... PA Chaos (James Madison)

Last summer, Mesaros was so skilled and advanced in her game that she played on the Chaos 18U Gold team at PGF Nationals backing up Maggie Balint, the current Oregon star pitcher and National Freshman of the Year candidate. How many players can say that, before entering the eighth grade, they were good enough to play against the top graduating high school seniors in the country? Mesaros played short and second on that team and was able to compete with players five and six years older than her because she has the mental maturity and all the physical skills: explosive quickness, great range, excellent glove and footwork and the speed and acceleration that has led to her having the fastest home-to-first and shuttle times at several combines and workouts she's attended. Mesaros can take over a tournament offensively, too; at last year's Boulder IDT she batted .522 and had an on-base percentage of .607 playing for the 14U Futures squad. She had heavy Big Ten, ACC and SEC interest and offers before she committed to James Madison earlier this spring.

