Lancione takes a look at Nazem Kadri's incredibly 2013 campaign.

It is amazing what can transpire over the course of two months in hockey. Often times, athletes struggle to combine their natural gifts with the polish, the effort, the discipline, the defensive awareness and sense of responsibility at the same time.

Through nine weeks it would appear that Nazem Kadri , almost four years removed from his draft day, has finally made his mark on the NHL. Sitting in eighth place in the NHL scoring race, Kadri is really proving to be a boon to Randy Carlyle's Leafs. To think that Nazem was deemed to be in "unacceptable shape" by Dallas Eakins upon arriving in camp this fall.

It would appear to most observers, fans and pundits alike at AHL training camp that the strides Nazem made last spring in assisting the Marlies on their Calder Cup run weren't going to carry over. It was much documented that he was lacking conditioning wise. However, upon further review it could be seen as a little rust that had to be shaken off as his summer plan set for him by upper brass and former GM Brian Burke was carried through in full.

Then again, for decades wasn't training camp all about shaking the rust off? Sure, times have changed and guys all over the league no longer take months off at a time before taking the old blades out for their first skate the final week of August. Yes, naturally that's a thing of the past, but Kadri's sluggishness may have been induced by his newly beefed up frame, as per his off-season regimen. He did put together a decent AHL campaign during the NHL lockout. However, when placed alongside talented professionals on the big club, his skillset has certainly been much more transparent.

He's been playing with a number of different guys, performing admirably with all of them, most notably the mix and match, skill and grit linemates of Frattin and Komarov, as per Frozen Pool s' Most Frequent Line Combination Generator.

2013 Season to date

Frequency	Strength	Line Combination
21.26%	EV	43 KADRI,NAZEM - 47 KOMAROV,LEO - 16 MACARTHUR,CLARKE
12.63%	EV	39 FRATTIN,MATT - 43 KADRI,NAZEM - 47 KOMAROV,LEO
10.99%	EV	39 FRATTIN,MATT - 43 KADRI,NAZEM - 16 MACARTHUR,CLARKE

The last few games have seen him tried with Joffrey Lupul a bit as well, in reaction to the five game losing streak they just ended against Tampa Bay. The following list which tracks his most recent linemates over the past three games actually understates Lupul's increasing appearances on Kadri's left wing, as it doesn't factor in that Lupul missed last game (one third of this sample size) to suspension. Is it a fluke that Lupul scored three goals in his two games back from a near full season layoff to date? I think not.

Last 3 Games

Games between 2013-02-28 and 2013-03-21

Frequency	Strength	Line Combination
35.02%	EV	43 KADRI,NAZEM - 47 KOMAROV,LEO - 16 MACARTHUR,CLARKE
9.27%	EV	39 FRATTIN,MATT - 43 KADRI,NAZEM - 16 MACARTHUR,CLARKE
7.7%	EV	43 KADRI,NAZEM - 41 KULEMIN,NIKOLAI - 19 LUPUL,JOFFREY
7.34%	EV	43 KADRI,NAZEM - 41 KULEMIN,NIKOLAI - 16 MACARTHUR,CLARKE
6.26%	EV	39 FRATTIN,MATT - 43 KADRI,NAZEM - 19 LUPUL,JOFFREY

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Rank	Name	Pos	Age	Yrs	Team	GR	GP	Avg GP	G	A	Pts	Avg P	PPG	Pace	GW	PP	PP	PP	TOI	%PP	%TOI	Shots	SHT/G	SHOT Pace
1	CROSBY,SIDNEY	C	25	7	PIT	17	31	48	13	37	50	71	1.61	132	0	16			04:42	79.9	35.9	104	3.4	275
2	STAMKOS,STEVEN	C	23	4	T.B	17	30	82	21	19	40	94	1.33	109	1	14			04:07	67.0	36.5	103	3.4	282
3	ST. LOUIS,MARTIN	R	37	13	T.B	17	30	80	7	32	39	89	1.30	107	0	13			03:59	64.8	36.4	69	2.3	189
4	KANE,PATRICK	R	24	5	CHI	18	30	79	16	22	38	76	1.27	104	5	13			03:07	52.5	33.2	83	2.8	227
5	KUNITZ,CHRIS	L	33	8	PIT	17	31	66	17	21	38	47	1.23	101	4	11			04:00	67.7	30.5	66	2.1	175
6	GETZLAF,RYAN	C	27	7	ANA	19	29	72	11	24	35	67	1.21	99	2	9			02:54	65.8	33.6	64	2.2	181
7	STAAL,ERIC	C	28	8	CAR	18	30	78	14	21	35	72	1.17	96	4	5			03:47	64.0	34.1	97	3.2	265
8	KADRI,NAZEM	C	22	3	TOR	17	31	17	13	20	33	6	1.06	87	1	6			02:08	40.2	26.0	69	2.2	183
9	MOULSON,MATT	L	29	5	NYI	18	30	82	11	21	32	57	1.07	87	0	14			03:42	67.2	32.5	104	3.5	284
10	TAVARES,JOHN	C	22	3	NYI	18	30	81	18	14	32	67	1.07	87	3	15			03:44	67.8	34.6	111	3.7	303

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Name	NAZEM KADRI	BRAYDEN SCHENN	MATT DUCHENE	EVANDER KANE	JOHN TAVARES
Position	C	C	C	L	C
Team	TOR	PHI	COL	WPG	NYI
Age	22	**21**	22	**21**	**22**
2012-2013 Salary	**$810000**	$900000	$3250000	$3000000	**$4000000**
2012-2013 Cap Hit	**$1720000**	$3110000	$3500000	$5250000	**$5500000**
Contract Years Left	0	1	1	**5**	**5**
NHL Years Green=4th Yr Breakout	3	3	3	3	3
AvgGP Last 3Yrs Red = Beware	17	21	**73**	71	**81**
Games	**31**	29	28	**31**	**30**
Goals	**13**	6	11	12	**18**
Assists	**20**	13	19	9	**14**
Points	**33**	19	30	21	**32**
Points Per Game	1.06	0.66	**1.07**	0.68	**1.07**
Point Pace	87	54	**88**	56	**87**
Multi Point Games	**9**	3	**9**	4	**10**
Zero Point Games	**32.3%**	51.7%	42.9%	48.4%	**40.0%**
2012-2013 Salary/Pnt	**$24545**	$47368	$108333	$142857	**$125000**
2012-2013 Caphit/Pnt	**$52121**	$163684	$116667	$250000	**$171875**
PP Goals	**4**	2	1	1	**8**
PP Points	6	**7**	6	2	**15**
PP TOI/G	02:08	**02:53**	02:50	02:17	**03:43**
Plus/Minus	**19**	-5	-2	1	-8
Giveaways	20	**10**	14	20	**28**
Takeaways	14	12	**26**	16	**19**
Penalty Min	19	11	10	**45**	**14**
Hits	37	66	32	**101**	**10**
Blocks	13	12	**34**	17	**15**

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